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January 2, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

The tracing arrived safely and we will return it to you with a Van Dyke and the blue print within a day or two. There is no cost for these things, which are made for us through the kindness of Lt. Diehl. We have sent a blue print to Paul.

Lt. Diehl says that he is absolutely sure that the deep gap is Porter's Gap. He says that when he traveled the crest line in 1914 and 1919, east of Newfound Gap to Guyot there was no trail across the range except the very well established Trail at what he thought to be Porter's Gap. The Trail at Dry Sluice he found in 1925 and it was a development of later lumbering operations. I was not quite clear about the comment on your photo with respect to no trail to Porter's Gap but I assume that it had reference to the one labeled "Porter's Gap" by you and the higher gap. We found a very well-worn trail on each side of the "depp"gap. Of course, the gap that Lt. Diehl has in mind is not at the head of the present Porter's Flats but he says that this name was originally applied to the larger area further down stream. You would expect that a Porter's Gap would be in proximity to a mountain by that name or vice versa. If the first assumption is correct, the gap could be on either side of the mountain. I remember both localities well and it would be rather a shock to my sense of geography if Porter's Gap should be on the top of the mountain. Let me know how the Carolina Appalachian Trail Club makes out.

If you want the photographs which you sent returned, please tell me, otherwise I should be very delighted to add them to the collection I already have.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Paul.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
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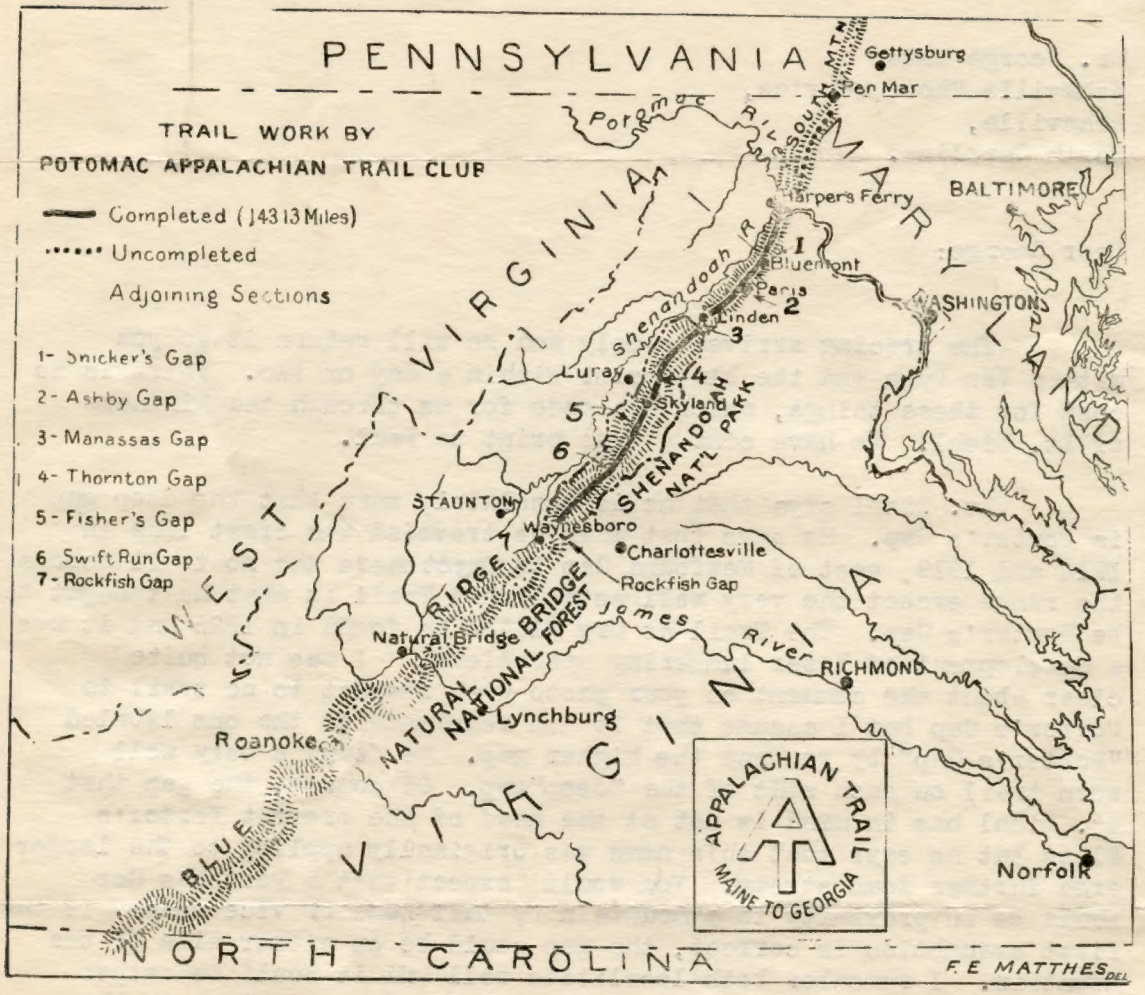
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January 10, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
14 Church Street,
Asheville Photo Company, Inc.,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I have your letter of January 4, 1931. Lt. Diehl came over and we took the maps and went over your letter word for word. There is not much more we can add. Your finding that rock, which was reported to be in Porter's Gap, on the top of the ridge is rather a difficult thing to explain from our point of view that the "Deep Gap" is Porter's Gap.

As to the Trail into North Carolina from the "Deep Gap", Diehl says that he and Paul went down it for water at least one-half a mile, dropping 1,500 feet off the mountain and that it was still a good trail then. It seems to have become obscure by reason of travel having been diverted to the newer Dry Sluice Gap route since that time.

Diehl and I thought that we traveled about two miles from Laureltop into the "Deep Gap". My notes show that we arrived on Laureltop at 10:50 A.M. and reached the "Deep Gap" at 12:30 P.M. Unfortunately I do not know how long we stayed on top. Diehl says that year before last he went all the way down Gold Mine Creek. If it were not for your finding the rock where you did, Diehl and I would be entirely sure that the "Deep Gap" was the original Porter's Gap. We feel that dispite this, our original conclusion is correct.

Diehl reciprocates your sentiments and says that he hopes to have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future.

Very pleased to have clipping
about N C A T.
Great stuff

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
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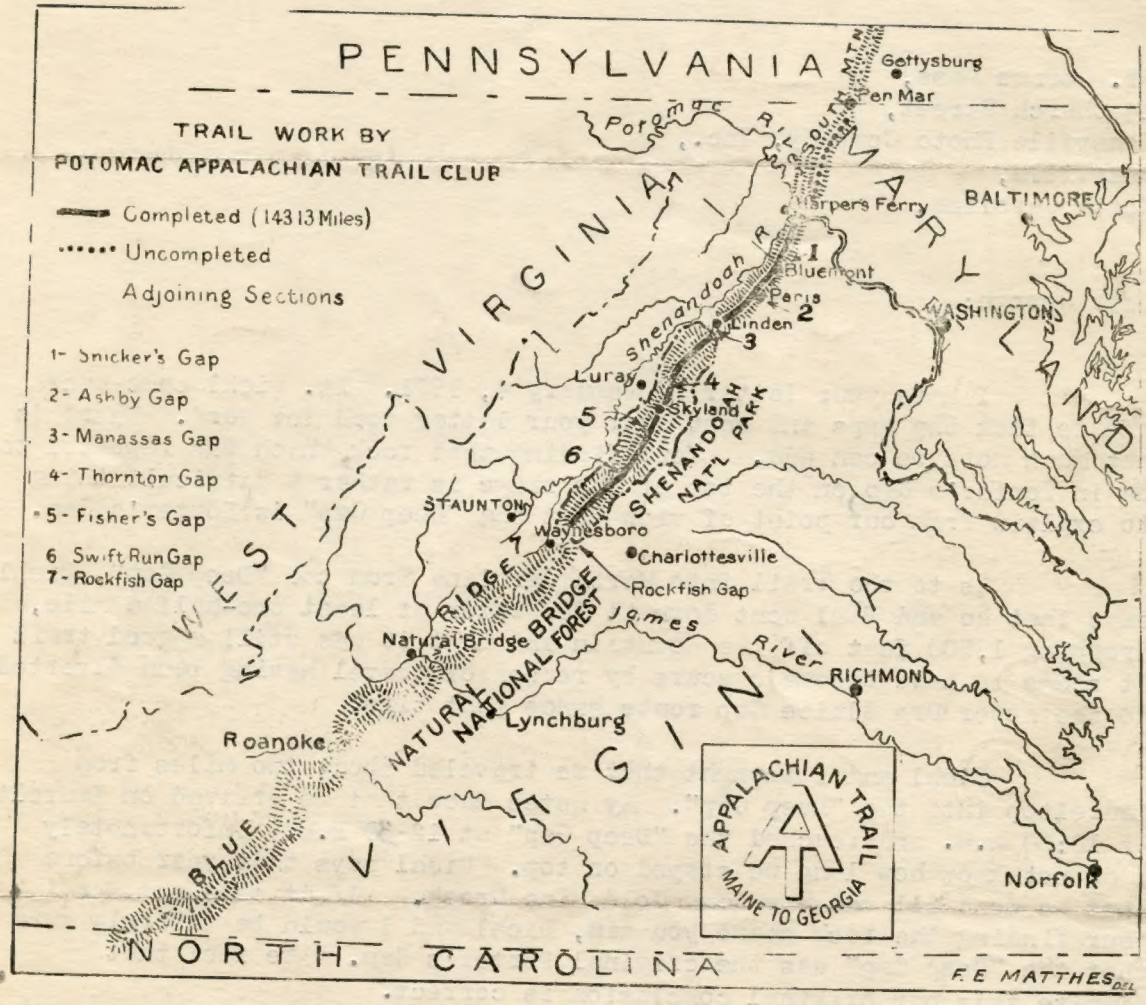
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January 13, 1931

Mr. George Masa
Asheville
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Masa:

Those photographs you promised me have never come. If you have any particular good ones taken on our last trip of our commission and the national park service to the Great Smoky Mountains, I would like copies and also a complete list of the native flowers, shrubs, trees and etc. that you may have.

I noticed quite a number of them that I am greatly interested in. Let me have them together with your bill and I will promptly remit.

I appreciate your sending me your greeting card.

With the kindest regards and hoping to hear from you promptly.

Yours truly,

Harlan P. Kelsey

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January 19, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company, Inc.,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I have your letter of January 14, 1931. I am enclosing the insurance receipt under which we sent you Saturday your original tracing, VanDyke and blue print of original map. These were made by Lt. Diehl. I have sent copies of the map to Paul Fink and Roy Ozmer, as well as retaining two prints here.

The matters which you ask as to the Appalachian Trail route in your letter are just the things which a Conference between Cole, Paul and the Supervisor of the Unaka Forest will have to work out. I am sending your letter to Paul with the suggestion that he arrange to have you attend this Conference which I am hoping will take place in the near future.

We will send you 50 additional markers. If you need more call on.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U.S.Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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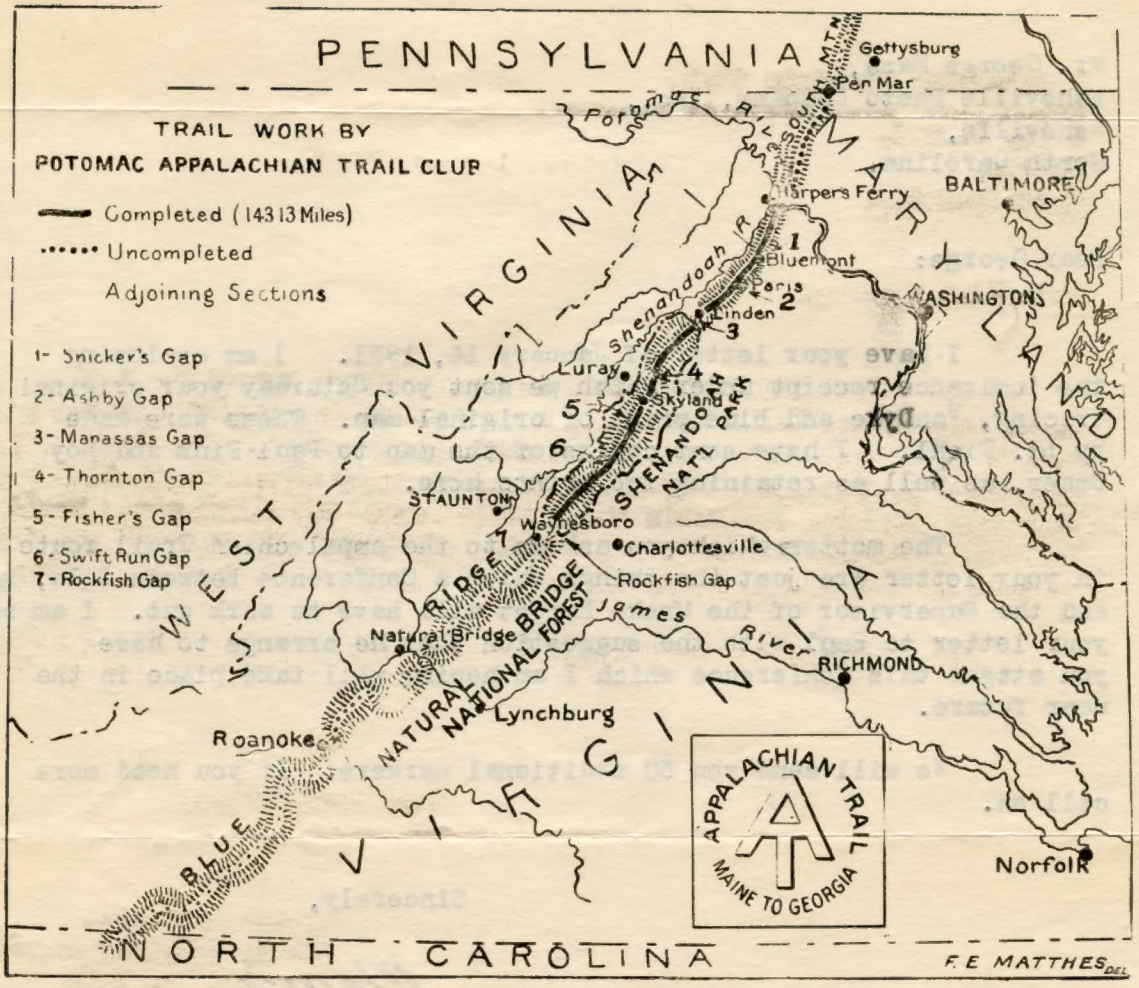
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PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

January 19th, 1931.

Dear George,

After the weather began getting bad the other night I didn't expect you and Kep to come, for it wouldn't have been very pleasant travelling. About two inches of snow fell the night you would have been here. I'll look for you some time before long, but you better not plan on coming right away, for one of my kids has the mumps right now, and the other is more than liable to take it in a week. I've never had it either, so I may be a victim also. I'd hate to have you both come over, and then get sick as a result.

I'm awfully glad the Carolina Ap. Trail Club got away to such a great start. There is no reason in the world why it shouldn't be a success, for undoubtedly there are enough people in Asheville and vicinity ## with an interest in the mountains to keep it going.

Verne Rhoades wrote me of the meeting of the N. C. Nomenclature Committee, and what was done. I'm glad that you were there, for I know there was much you could tell them that they had had no means of finding out otherwise. Their adopting the Collins-Kephart resolution will go a long way toward settling the matter. I am looking for it to be returned to me in a few days, when I will immediately forward it to Cammerer for his O. K. and then it will go to the Geographic Board.

You spoke of wanting to see the aerial map of Smoky. I have one, and have had since early last summer. In fact, Diehl, Avery and I checked up on it carefully on our trip along the State line last summer, and found some errors, which were corrected on our recommendations. I had wanted to tell you of this, but Col. Chapman impressed on me that it was a very confidential document, and that I was to show it to no one, as they wanted it for possible surprize evidence in the Champion trial. Only one other member of our Nomenclature Committee has seen it, and the others didn't even know of its existance. It is of very large scale- 2½ inches to the mile with 100 foot contours- and is the most accurate I have seen, by along way. A relief map was made from this that I want to see, but haven't had the chance to go to Knoxville since they have received it.

Both these maps were mentioned in the Champion trial, but I don't know if they are to be released for

(Kephart:) Mesa/NCMC Mesa from Fink
1/19/31

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

general use, so don't tell anyone about my having one. I wouldn't want to start a misunderstanding with Col. Chapman by spreading the news.

Speaking of maps, the U. S. Geological Survey will start issuing this month advance sheets covering the work they have done in the Smokies. They have promised to place my name on the list to receive these as issued, and I feel sure that if you will write W. C. Mendenhall, Acting Director, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, he will do the same for you.

The more I think over and dig into the Porters Gap question the more I am convinced that you are right, even if it does upset my former notions, and even if that place on top the mountains is a hell of a place to have a gap. In the next few days I'm going to put a little piece on the editorial page of the Knoxville News-Sentinel to see if I can uncover that way any more data. If you are right this will leave another job for these two Nomenclature Committees--- inventing a name for that deep gap just west of Laurel Top. There were very plain evidences of a trail passing through there when we went along the top last summer.

I'd like the best in the world to go down there with you and take another look at the lay of the land, but don't see a possible chance for some time. I'm having more than I can do these days, and can't find anough hours in the day to get things done that are pressing. Maybe later in the Spring I could get to it, but in the meantime if the opportunity presents you go right ahead without waiting on me.

Also, I am going to write Andy Gregory and see if he can tell anything. He surveyed that country and spent quite a bit of time timber crussing there this summer. Diehl, Avery and I met him a way up on the Ramsay Prong as we went in.

Had us a deep snow the middle of the week. I stole time to do an hour's ski-ing two days, and get a number of glorious falls. Boy, I sure can scatter the snow when I hit the ground.

Sincerely,

Paul

(Kephart) Masa NCMC

January 19, 1931.

Appalachian Mountain Club,
Attention: Miss Adelaide Meserve,
5 Joy Street,
Boston,
Massachusetts.

Dear Miss Meserve:

Will you kindly send to George Masa, Asheville Photo Company, Inc., Asheville, North Carolina, a copy of "Going Light" and the other A.M.C. literature with respect to camping equipment. Mr. Masa is a councilor of the newly organized Carolina Appalachian Trail Club and they want to have available these publications for their use. Would you include an A.M.C. Bulletin showing the equipment for sale by the Club, as well as the mimeographed list.

Please let me know if there is any charge on these things.

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Masa.

(Kephart) Massa NCMC

GEORGE MASSA
DON TOPPING

ASHEVILLE
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14 Church St
ASHEVILLE, N.C.

Jan. 26, 1931.

Dear Roy;

I did not hear from you long time and I wandered what come of you, I noticed that you made scouting trips thru Virginia as P.A.T.Club Bulletin No.23 arrived.

I asked Myron where Roy nesting? He said Roy having new job stay in Dahlonega, Ga, but he did not wrote me your address.

Well how are you getting along these day? Hope feel fine, I had hell of a time last Fall, following week after I made trips into Smokies with Mr. Albright, Mr. Cammerer, Dr. Sexton, and Mr. Kelsey etc., I had FLU with sore throut stayed in hospital one week then in hotel 4 weeks.

So it spoiled all my plan in Fall, then Banks crush put me in some hole, I couldn't even pay doctor's bill yet, but I am getting fine, doing very well.

You may heard that we finally organized hiking club call Carolina Appalachian Trail Club this month, I tell you it quite job for me getting togather these bunches.

About this name I talked over with Kep many times at first we call it Carolina Mountaineering Club, but recently many new hiking club organized and put A.T. so we finally decided we better call it C.A.T.C. I drew Constitution and by-law from P.A.T.Club and I insisted Kep preside first meeting because his name quite draw attention to public, so believe it or not, there were about 50 people in first meeting, sure it surprised both of us, why we thought may come 10 or less because about 15 in my list whom I think interest this movement and that night I found only ½ of my list presented thats all, balance were all new comer to me.

Anyhow it will go, we elected young men and woman as our officers and Mr. Mattoon, Mr. Rhoades, Mr. Kephart and I are councilors so you see, we will have some club in near future I will do my best bring up our club to the front.

We had councilors meeting last Friday night, discussmany things, especially A.T. route from Iron Mt. Gap or Cherry Gap to Rich Knob at state line Ga.-N.C.

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The address is Nature Magazine 1214 16th St. N.W. Washington, D.C.

January 28 1931.
P. O. Box 995.

Mr. George Masa,

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Mr. Paul P. Hannah, Editor of the Nature Magazine at Washington says that he has not yet received your contribution to the "CAROLINA NUMBER" of Nature Magazine to be published in May yet and writes to me asking "what's the matter?"

If you can possibly get such photographs of mountains, wild life, plants, trees, or even animals of the Vanderbilt estate to him at an early date, your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Jim Thompson, of the Thompson Company here, sent his in last Saturday and I would like to have you represented in grand style in your own number of NATURE. I like your photographs and would like to see them published in such a high class publication. They have a rate of purchase which I am sure will be satisfactory to you in every way.

Thank you for your kind words of praise for the book "THE LURE OF THE GREAT SMOKIES". As your friend Kephart knows, there is not much money in books but we all try to help out some way even at a cost to our own pocketbooks. Publicity helps our country and that rebounds to success in many ways. Hoping that you have already sent the pictures, I am

Very truly yours,

know more about your hiking club. Robert Lindsay Mason

Hike with Us if You Would Enjoy the Charm and Grandeur of the Great Smokies

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LETTER NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Room 223
Jan 29, 1931

Dear Mr Massa: —

A bulletin of our Potomac Appalachian Trails Club says that you are one of the moving spirits in organizing an Appalachian Trail Club in Asheville

This is just to bring congratulations and best wishes the P.A.T.C member who roomed over you at the Trails Conference at Skyland last May and met you on Stony Man summit the last morning.

Sincerely
Herbert L Solyom

(Kephart:) Mass meeting

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PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

Feb 3 1931

Dear George

I'm sitting up today, for the first time in about 10 days. If you did the praying for me you promised it didn't help much, for I not only had the mumps, but the flu as well, and it lacked a whole lot of being a picnic. This is the longest I've had to stay in bed in all my life, and I don't like the experience a little bit. There are some days ahead of me yet before I can get out, too.

As to Porter's Gap. There isn't any more doubt in my mind just where it is, for the evidence is too conclusive. The 1821 state line survey places it at the "22 mile tree", and Andy Gregory's map, following surveys that checked the old markings, places this tree in the gap — he refers to this hereafter as the High Gap, as opposed to the deeper one above Laurel Fork —— A letter from Andy, a few days ago, throws him positive as to location. He tells that during the Civil War a troop of Cavalry passed through this gap, coming up from Porter Flats, and that he knew of no other place along that section that horses could cross. Also, that when he was first in there surveying and [illegible] in 1919, there were evidences

of very old trail clearing work up the route. And the remains of an old saddle hanging in a balsam.

So of this high Gap is the real Porter Gap, that leaves me with the job on our hands of deciding on a name for the Low Gap. Sir named it myself Edith time Sir climbed in and out of it. But I don't think the Colonel Survey will want my title

A few days ago I had a letter from Vancouver, telling that the Lad "Ike" the Keeper's Station and sent it to the Forestry Board with the recommendation. We should hear something from it in a few weeks.

Have not had one of your letters asking about the A-T route around Unaka Mt. My idea is that it should come up from Limestone Cove to State line at Cherry Gap. Of course trail counting parties should look at both places, but I can see no reason for going out of the way to Iron Mt. Gap when it is only a mile further along the State line. Then to the Railway bridge at Unaka Springs along the route Ray marked out.

I don't see any big gain in getting the A-T to the top of Flat Top, even though there is a wonderful vista from there, for it is a terrible climb for a horse trip. I want to get from Unaka Springs to Big Laurel Gap

(Replied) Asheville, NC
Mail from Paul
2/3/31

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

Leave the Spivey Highway was built, following the railroad about a mile up the river to Unaka, then along an old road, not much better than a trail, up nine Creeks crossing Trouble Hill & No Business Knob, crossing Nancy Lewis Creek and on over to Spivey, where a little settlement is called "Flowers" Stood from here a trail led on to the top reaching the divide between Big & Little Bald without local inquiry I can't tell just where the Highway crosses this route, but the trail is still in existence. If one wanted to cut back east along the State line from Little Bald to Flattop & would make a fine hike trip.

A couple of weeks ago I met a Mr. Jared of the Forest Service, now with the Unaka Forest but formerly with the Pisgah. He said he knew you. He is considerably interested in the A.T & promised to do what he can. He tells that a continuous trail exists from the Highway West of Erwin all the way across Big Butte & Camp Creek Bald to Hot Springs — all that it needs being markers, and Roy & I put up some of those.

Roy's route from Hot Springs to Waterville

was never intended to be final for it was simply a canting and looking over the lay of the land. All these locations, you know, are largely left to the investigation & decision of the group having jurisdiction over the area in question.

A few days ago I had a letter from Raymond Dorry, saying he hoped to have several people from New York present at Gatlinburg. If every thing goes along as we hope there should be a real meeting this June. Jim on the arrangements committee, but doesn't know able to help much.

I don't believe Arthur Comes' Etna light output will suit this country for some time yet for as I remember it is only adapted to main more open going and over night trips, and I'm afraid the rough trailless brush grown Southern mountains would be too much for it. I'd like to cut down the weight of my pack considerably, but Comes' output, big as it may be for his purposes, is too fragile for me. Every ounce counts with me on these.

Sincerely
Paul.

(Replant:) Masa NCMC

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THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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February 12, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

I think I am indebted to you for some excellent 8 x 10 glossy prints, which just reached me, showing views taken when you were up on Andrews Bald with our gang. This was typically thoughtful of you, old man, and I appreciate it very much.

What would an enlargement, about 30 inches long, of 0-5486 and 0-5487 cost?

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Cam

~~Associate Director.~~

February 13, 1931.

George I thought the data in these might help interested us the attitudes & distances.

Mr. Ked L. Anderson,
Brae Burn Farm,
Sherman,
P.O. Gaylordsville,
Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I have read with a great deal of interest your report on the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut. It is detailed and very helpful and I thought that perhaps I should comment now on your inquiry as to the use of the A. T. markers. These, of course, should always be placed at right angles to the line of travel, the same as the highway markers. They should always appear on each side of a fork or trail and in addition should be placed at right angles as a reassurance to the traveler that he is on the correct route, at intervals depending upon the nature of the trail. If it is a well cleared wood road, markers in each direction at intervals of about one quarter of a mile are more than sufficient. This allows ~~lest~~ for any possible mutilation. On a narrow trail the markers, of course, should be more frequent. We have come to the use of painted blazes in addition to markers and make use of them at less distances than the markers. For instance, we would have them on all forks and cross-trails and on a narrow trail, blazes would be in sight of each other, going in either direction. We believe that it is far more efficient to make a blaze about eight inches long by two inches wide and then paint over this, rather than putting paint on the bark as a band where it quickly flakes off. Our experience has been that a second coat of paint adds years to the life of the blaze. Growing over of a painted blaze is far less than in the case of an unpainted blaze. The question of color of paint is something to be worked out with Professor Heermance. I do not know what color you have been using but it should be uniform throughout the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut. I know that Professor Heermance uses blue and I have understood from Mr. Perkins that he had no objection to our using on the A.T. the color which we preferred. Therefore, ~~it~~might be desirable to use some other color than blue to distinguish the A.T. From the Hudson to the Delaware, due to peculiar local conditions, yellow paint is used. On our section in Maryland and southern Pennsylvania white paint is used and my personal opinion is that this color is the most effective and violates the least the wilderness appect of the trail. Mr. Comey thinks that duco white is very unsatisfactory as it flakes off. We use titanium oxide double white, thinned with linseed

(Kephart: Miami News)

Anderson from Avery
2/23/31

We would make one suggestion with respect to your description of the trail, that is, the distances should be cumulative and read from a zero point. Of course, in Connecticut the data will have to be prepared to read in both directions. We will mail you one of our bulletins to make clear what I have in mind about the cumulative directions.

I thought that it might be well to answer these inquiries now as far as the A.T. is concerned. As soon as you write me that it is now convenient to make the trip, I can arrange to come to New York and we will walk over the completed section of the Trail. A conference with Professor Heermance and Mr. Perkins will apparently have to wait until spring when we hope to make the suggested trip over the section north from Mohawk Mountain.

Very sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Perkins
CC: Professor Heermance.

February 13, 1931.

Mr. Paul M. Fink,
Jonesboro,
Tennessee.

Dear Paul:

Diehl has just showed me a photograph, taken in 1919, showing the mile stone in what he considers to be Porter's Gap. Diehl is in the left hand corner of the picture. He says you have the negative. Can you find it and run off two or three prints and send one to George? Our idea is that George could check the size, and to some extent the location of the stone, and ascertain if it is the same one as he found after considerable search. According to Diehl, the stone was right on the trail and, unless moved, should have been readily found.

We admit that an answer to your evidence is hard to find but we are of the same opinion still and our only guess is that there were two stones. Our principal difficulty is in answering the question as to why there should be a gap on the top of the mountain. Diehl facetiously inquires the name of the gap between the two peaks of the new Mt. Kephart.

Guyot's map show an "Indian Gap" close under the new Mt. Kephart. I think we will agree that this is the present Dry Sluice Gap. It should be the lowest point in the mountain between Mt. Kephart and the Sawteeth and we should think that any travel up from Porter's Flats would direct itself to this point. So, if a troop of cavalry crossed the range during the Civil War in this vicinity, it would have done so at this point, which was the old "Indian Gap" and apparently quite well used in Guyot's time. Later it must have fallen into disuse and the lumbering operations in 1919 caused the route to be resurrected. This conclusion is based on the fact that Diehl saw no signs of travel there in 1914 but it had become well used again in 1919.

In the same way "the low gap" would serve as a means of crossing further east and on the other side of Porter's Flats Mountain. Unless there were two stones, we are going to have a hard job of answering your evidence and must fall on the classic remark of "Who the hell put a gap on top of a mountain".

Duplicate Letter Sent
5/13/31

We shall be interested to see what George discovers as to a route or trail, through what we think is Porter's Gap.

I have been checking over that Guyot story and now that I have had the opportunity to go to the original sources, I find that the inaccuracy of the article is greater than I had even thought might be possible. In fact it would seem the work of a certain writer well known to all of us. I think you were very charitable in your comment. At any rate I am rewriting the whole thing and am trying to advance a plausible explanation of the Guyot error. Unless you have some other plans, what would you think of working over your list of Guyot names, adding some comment on the interesting identifications, and attaching it as an appendix to a joint article, which we would send to Appalachia? I am sure they would use it within a year. We would try to illustrate it with a Guyot map, a photo of Guyot and if possible a good view showing Mt. Guyot-Mt. Henry-the State Line and Big Creek as an explanation of the Guyot error. I am hunting for a photo for this purpose. There is one in the aerial pictures taken from the east end, perhaps from Sharptop, toward Guyot. Diehl says that he hopes that when George next goes up to Mt. Guyot that he will make a panorama of the entire region. What we really want is an aerial picture showing the Balsam lead coming into Smoky and the Sterling lead coming into Balsam. If George has any particular picture of Mt. Guyot, which he could let us use for illustrating the article, I should like very much to make use of it.

Please let me know if you find the negative of the 1919 picture and how my suggestion about the article strikes you. I will send you a draft in a week or so and we can work it out to incorporate our joint ideas.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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February 13, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
14 Church Street,
Asheville, North Carolina.

My dear George Masa:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciated your letter of February 9, and the collection of pictures that you sent to me. I am having them put in a scrapbook where I can easily refer to them. They will serve to remind me for many years to come of the fine visit I had on the North Carolina side of the Smokies with my friends from down there, including your own good self.

I am sorry to hear that you have been sick and hope that your illness left no continuing disability. Be sure to see me whenever you come to Washington.

With warmest regards, and again thanking you for your kindness, I am

Sincerely yours,

Horace M. Albright
Director.

(Kephart?) Masa NCMC

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Gatlinburg, Tennessee,
February 13,1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear George:

I have received your letter of February 10, and am glad to hear that you and Mr. Kephart will be coming around this way.

You bet I will enjoy going out to the mountain with you and if you can let me know when you are coming I will make it a point to be here. The only days I know I will be away in the near future are February 17 & 18.

The pictures were received in excellent condition, and I thank you very much for them.

Trusting to see you and Mr. Kephart soon, I am,

sincerely yours,

Philip R Hough.

Philip R. Hough,
Assistant Chief Ranger,
Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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February 16, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I am very glad to have your letter of February 11, 1931 and to see that you are taking these matters up so energetically. It means that we will have considerable progress to report for both the Pisgah and Nantahala Forests at the time of the Trail Conference. I am enclosing a letter which I have written Mr. Stone and I am wondering if we could get from the Carolina Trail Club a similar statement as to its program and the trail it expects to maintain. I think that it would be well worth while to send to Walter Adams Johnson, Publisher, Mountain Magazine, Great Oak Lane, Pleasantville, New York, a note on the organization and activities of the Carolina Trail Club.

I think that Myron Glaser must have sent you the copy of the Times and Herald, to which you refer.

I understand that Unaka activities are waiting on a conference with Paul and Mr. Cole with Supervisor Graham. I am hoping that you can attend and that this will take place in the immediate future. The necessity for using paint to permanently mark the trail is a problem which the people in the South should consider helpful. We found it out three years too late.

I have studied the Nantahala map with much interest. Route over Standing Indian 11 miles longer and from Carter Gap has to turn back north. This is a bad feature and while Standing Indian is fine peak it might seem better to have it reached as side trail. Shall be much interested in route from Carson Gald to Nantahala. Hope to see some of this country- Pisgah or Nantahala- some time soon.

Sincerely,
Myron H. Avery
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U.S.S.B.-Washington, D.C.

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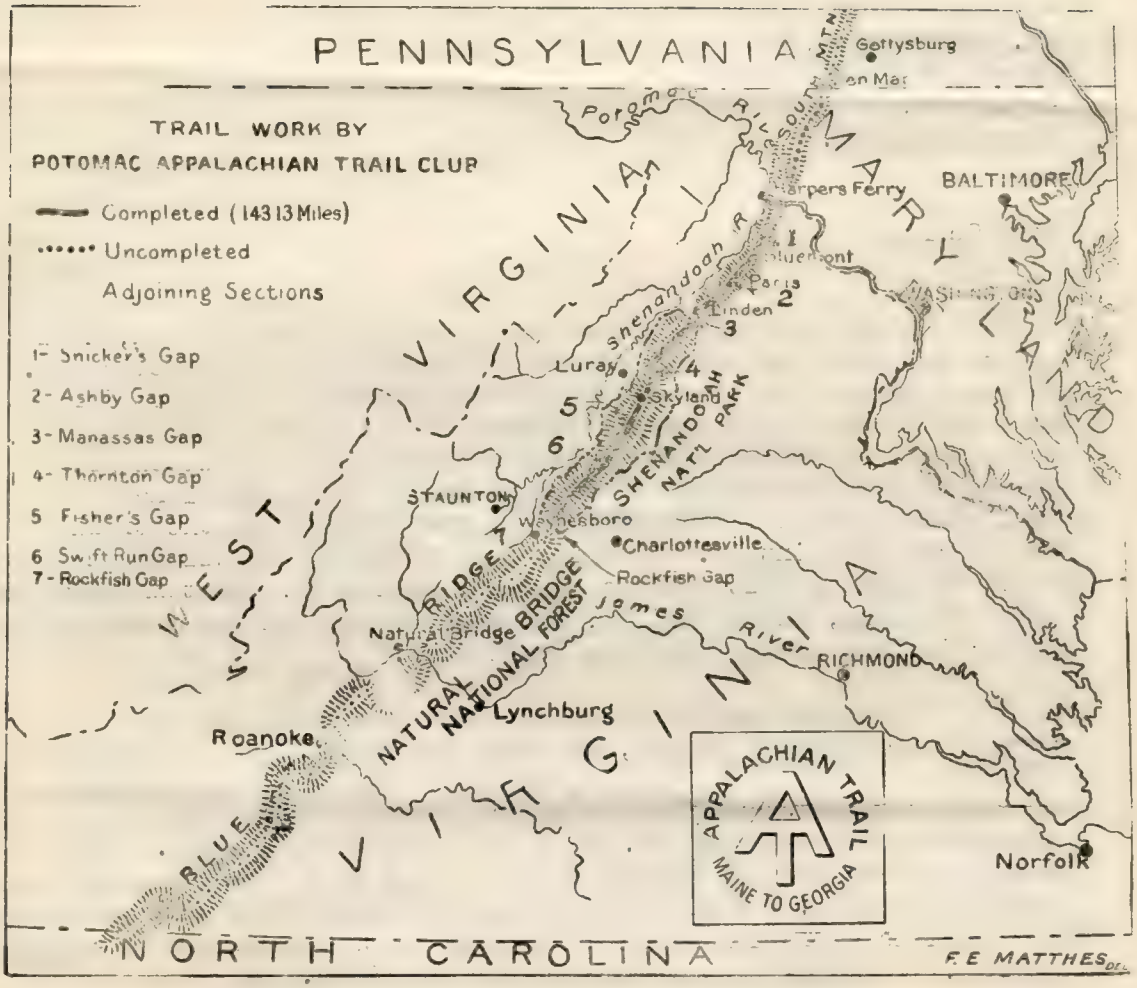
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February 16, 1951.

Mr. E. B. Stone, Jr.,
Appalachian Trail Club,
Gainesville,
Georgia.

Dear Mr. Stone:

I am enclosing a copy of letter from Supervisor A. A. Wood of the Nantahala Forest. In our next issue of the Bulletin we should like to use about half a page on the subject of the Appalachian Trail in Georgia, with the information contained in this letter woven into the article. Would it be too much trouble to turn the matter over to your proper committee and ask them to send us material which would run half a page on the route of the trail in Georgia and the effect and length of the new Forest Service Trail.

I think it would be of much interest to send Mountain Magazine, Great Oak Lane, Pleasantville, New York, occasionally, notes of the activities of the Georgia section. Your own article aroused a great deal of interest.

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
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CC: Mr. Mesa.
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February 19, 1931.

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Asheville Photo Company,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I have left your letter of February 16, 1931 with Diehl. You are accumulating a mass of argument which I feel we will have to yield to.

I will be very pleased indeed if you will send me the two prints you refer to- the one from Sterling and the one from Balsam-for possible use with the Guyot article. I have sent you a copy of the article as rewritten and you will see that I corrected the error with respect to the "Brothers".

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(Typed) Mass to Avery 2/23/1931

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February 28, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
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Dear George:

I have your letter of February 23, 1931. I very much appreicate your interest in this article and the help you are giving me. I am trying hard to have it present a correct analysis. Diehl has gone over it and his suggestions are incorporated in the carbon which you have. I have incorporated all of your comments, as you will see from the rewritten pages 7 and 7(a), which I am enclosing for you to substitute for the previous pages.

The photographs came today and Diehl and I got quite a kick out of studying them. They are superb as usual. If the article is published, as I hope, three of these will make fine illustrations. I am not quite clear as to what you mean by saying that you had ruined the negatives. Do you mean that after we have finished with the photographs you would like to have me return them or shall I keep them carefully.?

We used on our trip in the Smokies a copy of the Aerotopograph map which you photographed. Our identifications agree with yours except that we place "The Brothers" where you have Gap Knob. The elevation and the length of the 6,000 foot contour seems to us to demand this. Otherwise the basing of the identification on the elevation fails. We place Gap Knob between this contour line and Old Black.

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his thesis in French on Guyot and also an English article. I shall study these to see if it contributes anything.

I got my copy of Professor Guyot's long article and elevations from Paul, who had it typed. I suppose it would be very difficult to buy now a copy of the issue of American Journal of Science and Arts for 1861, which carried this article. It would be quite costly to photostat the entire thing.

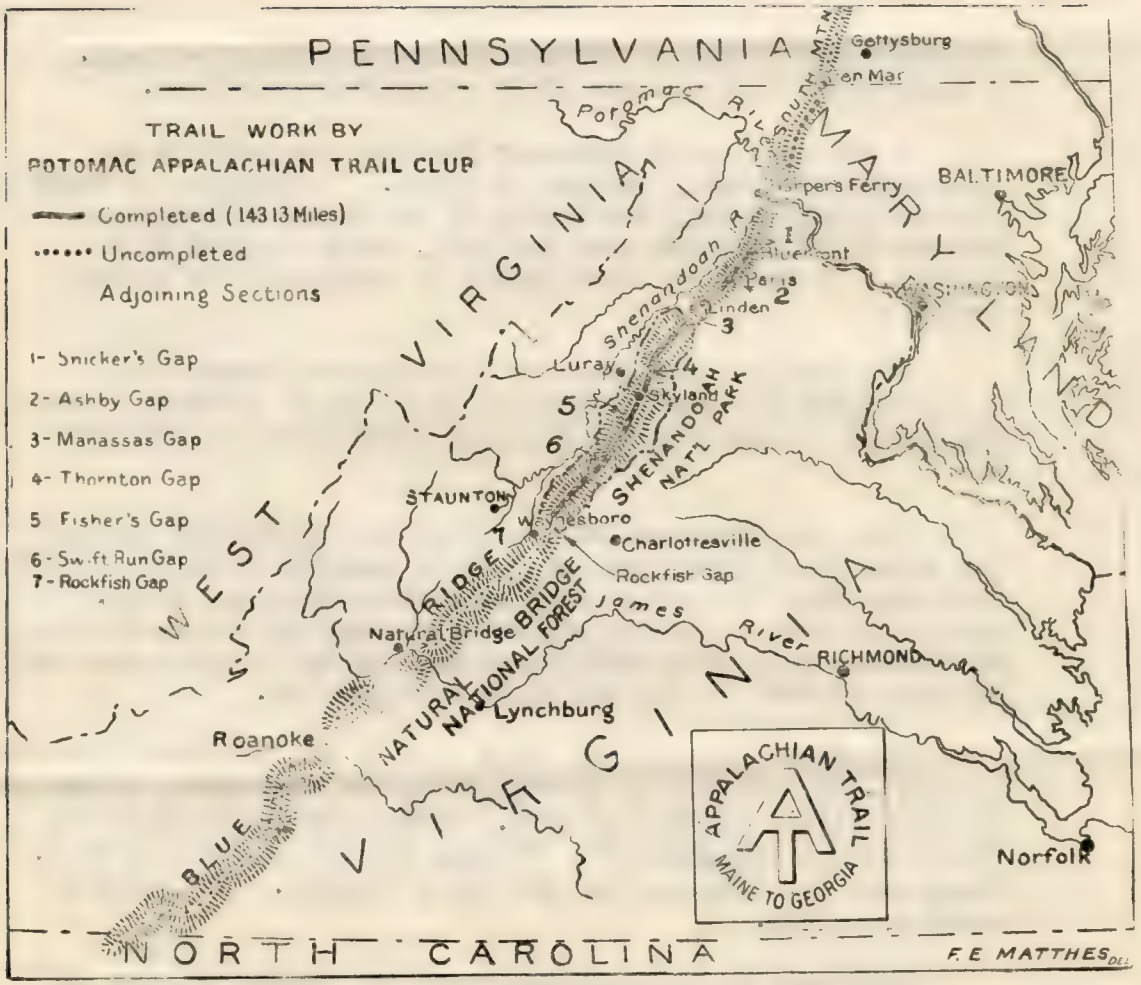
The section from Arthur's history with respect to Eli Arrington does not contribute anything in locating Porter's Gap except to show that it was some times known as Collin's Gap.

Paul has just sent me a copy of the photograph showing the stone which Diehl took on what he thought to be Porter's Gap. Paul says that this is not the same stone that you found. Diehl says that it is his recollection that there was no deep gap between this stone and Laurel Top and he is quite sure that he saw this in what we believe to be Porter's Gap.

The Guyot elevations- for a part of the Southern Appalachians at least- were reprinted in "Report of the Geological Survey of North Carolina" by Kerr in 1875. Kerr's map is in Zeigler's "Heart of the Alleghanies". Perhaps you can see Kerr's book. Mason used it, I think, for his Guyot figures. It is not an exact rendering.

Professor L. C. Jones who wrote the French article on Guyot has written an another article in the Faculty Papers of Union College, January, 1930. It has a Bibliography. Professor Jones sent me a copy. I am trying to get more. If successful, you and Paul will have copies.

I feel as if I would like to travel from Sterling over Catalucha to Guyot. Probably this is a terrible trip.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I was at the Survey today. They expect to issue advance sheets for ~~all of the~~ both parks this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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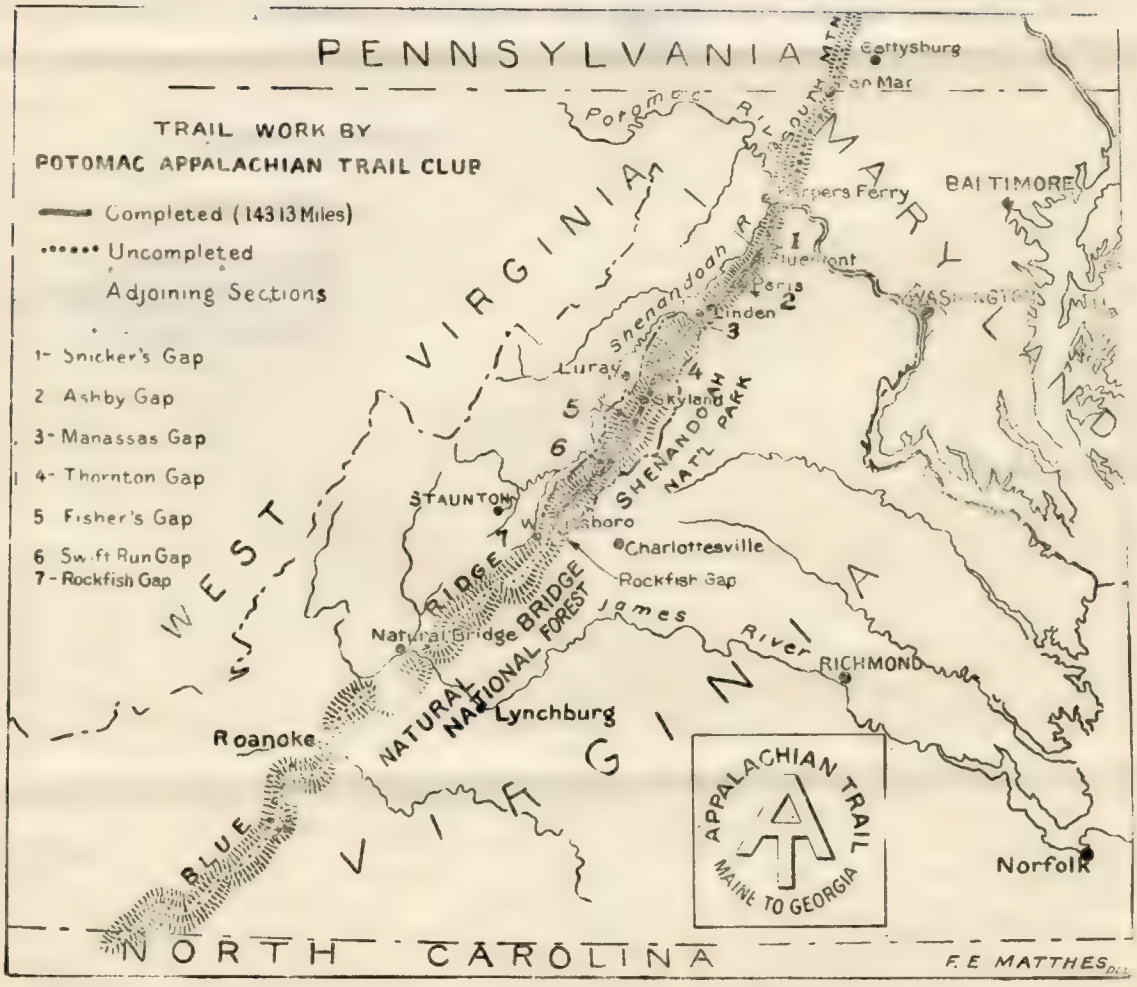
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Dear George got your letter
Was glad to hear from you
a gain I had wrote you once
before I came To Penn But guess
you didnot get it so that is O.K.
Well the Park is Comming on it
it glad to hear from you
folks is all O.C. Just to know how
every thing is going on Bet thinking
bout getting the Asheville Times
are Citizen just to know what
the news is a long if you want
so Pay me a little George on
work yet you might just send
me the Paper as I am not taking
any Papers that is good dont think
though that I am asking you To
Pay me for I know money
question has been hard with me
and lots of others Will George I
Will have the Rock and Pure I
Will put it in the Museum in
the Park when they start it so
I will take good.

Care of it and ☞ Maby you will get
To Come To See me this Summer a lot
See some more Tennessee Till Kephart
Hello for me he is good Kid I Can't
tell George I have a nice little farm
here But Truck farming I am a frail
Will Bee I Could Cant tell just yet But
Seems that times is getting a little
Down hill will any way if I Can
get something good in the Park I
Will Come Back I think I Can
Sell my Place here for a profit
so you look out for me you
know what I Can do you and
Kep hold for me a Job and
I will Rent out are sell and Come
Back To Smokys I love the Smokys
any Way So keep me Posted George
what they are doing and
and By the way
To how last Government Map
With Chas Brinson on it Can I
get it any Way I Rather have a
good Job in Park Era any Time

chase a farm if Could get something
that Would Pay me enough To Live
at there is one thing you Can
tell them for me I always
Tried To Give every Body a good
Trop showed them all I Could and
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things for me George not home
sick farming Just hard work
hope your Business is good making
lots money so I would like
To have a Guide Regular Job if
they Put on any are you know
what I Can do so Write me a
Line will Be more than Glad To
hear from you any Time so if you
want To Pay me Just a little Just
Rite for the Asheville Paper for me
if you dont I Wont Think hard I am
Easy With every Body so ans.
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P.S. if you Was To
Come down here
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Place he has an office
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Mr. George Masa
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14 Church Street
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Your letter of February 9 was received while I was South. Now on my return I want to acknowledge the receipt of those very fine photographs, and ask you to let me have a bill so I can pay for them. They are very good indeed. I was particularly pleased with the Azalea calendulacea picture which you took on Andrew Bald.

Now don't be fussy about what you send me. Let me have all of the flower pictures of the native things growing in the mountains there, for I want as full a collection as I can get. Of course, when we use them in printed matter we will give you full credit for the copyright, but I understand you are willing that I should use them in my catalog and advertising work, so please send along any Rhododendron, Azalea, Mountainlaurel, Sourwood trees or anything else you may have in this line, preferably a shiny print so that it can be used for reproduction.

Of course, I hope to see you again this summer, if not before, and hope Asheville and all your business interests are coming out of the hard times in good shape.

With kindest regards.

Yours truly,

Harlan P. Kelsey

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Mr. George Masa,
14 Church Street,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

It was certainly very thoughtful of you to send me the two maps, which just arrived with your letter of March 3. I always enjoy a letter from you, and I only wish I had a chance to see more of you personally.

I do not get the Asheville papers, so it would be very helpful to me if you could send me the clippings from the Asheville Advocate, also Gaskill's article. I would appreciate it very much.

With kindest regards and best wishes, old man,

Sincerely yours,

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~~Associate~~ Director.

(Robert) Masa NCMC

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Mr George Masa,

Asheville. N C

Dear Mr Masa, I appreciate very much your letter, and the map with additional names for the Smoky Mountains park area which you were kind enough to send.

Because I am out and moving about, the map will be sent to the offic where it will be a valuable help in the completion of our work

I give you my appreciation and respect for Mr Kephart and the good work he has done for the park

Because Cowles Gap is in the area mapped by the aeroplane company, I have not had occasion to make enquiry about its location. I am sorry I can not help you in this matter.

Very Sincerely

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March 5th, 1931.

Mr. Paul J. Fink, Chairman,
[illegible]
Tennessee-Great Smoky Mountains
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Jonesboro, Tennessee.

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I shall send you, when printed, a number of copies of the March 4th leaflet, which will give the location of the peaks in question, and set forth the reasons for the transfer of names.

May I express to you and to the members of the Nomenclature Committee the thanks of the Board in bringing to a happy termination the [illegible] Mountains [illegible].

Very truly,

John J. [illegible],

Secretary.

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Very truly,

John J. Cameron,

Secretary.

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HARTFORD, CONN.

Mar. 7th. 1931.

My dear George:-

I have your letter of Feb 18th and am sorry it is so long unanswered for I like very much to hear from you and through you from other friends down there and what you are all doing.

I am glad that your first hiking trip turned out so many people in spite of the weather. The most surprising thing to me is the way people are interested in the general subject if you only tell them about it and give them a chance to go.

I can't remember exactly the

different places you mentioned in your letter as to the proposed route of the A.T. but I am afraid some of it is already appropriated by the Knoxville Hiking Club and the Georgia Appalachain Trail Club. I suggest therefore that you keep in touch with these two organizations so that the trail from your vicinity will connect with theirs and will not get over into what they may regard as their territory. As you are keeping in touch with Mr Avery he will know all about this.

Of course the A.T. Conference in June will be a splended opportunity for everybody at the southerly end of the trail to meet and get acquainted, and determine definitly the different sections that each organization will be responsible for, but

as you all are showing so much enthusiasm to get out on the trail and good weather comes so much earlier than it does here that I thought there might be some duplication of effort if you don't get in touch with the clubs to the south of you before the Conference.

I am doing pretty well I am glad to say but have not been able to get very far from home as yet so that it hardly seems probable that I shall be able to get as far as Gatlinburg in June. If I can't get there however I am going to send my daughter as my substitute. She is a good mountaineer and was with me in the Smokies when I was there a few years ago. She doesn't know as much about the A.T. as she does about Girl Scout movement for she is pretty well up in both the State and National organizations but I think I can give her the necessary instructions before she starts.

I hope you will look her up at the Conference and see that she has a good time.

Yours very truly
Arthur Perkins

Ellen E. Heydale
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PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

March 15th, 1931.

Dear George,

Some twwo weeks or so ago I sent Avery a print of my kodak picture made in Porters Gap in 1919. At the same time I had a print made for you, then put it and the negative away so carefully that I couldn't find either of them until last night a thorough search of my room brought them to light. The print is enclosed.

This is the poorest kind of a picture, but it does show that there was a standing rock in the low gap in 1919. The evidence is not conclusive, but in some respects its shape agrees very much with your most excellent picture. All of which leaves us just where we were. I have put out several letters of inquiry, but haven't redeived any answers yet, and haven't had the time to make any trips. Yet the evidence in our hands has convinced that Porters Gap is not a gap, but sits right on top the ridge. If thats the way things are going to be in Smoky, the next things we may expect to find will be a lofty mountain deep in some ravine.

You spoke of a letter from Mason, telling you how to make photos in Smoky. He sure is a funny sort of a bird, and sometimes seems to think that he is the one last authority on everything pertaining to the mountains, or at least gives one that impression. He and I get along very well, but have our little agreements. Last Fall he wrote, giving me the very devil over the way "I was laying down before the N. C. people" on the Kephart-Collins matter, getting very nasty about it. I replied, telling him in so many words that if he would keep quiet the fuss would soon be settled. Then when I saw him a couple of weeks later he was just as friendly as could be. I really can't get him figured out exactly. At one time I had attributed his activities in this Kephart question to jealousy, but I'm not so sure of that now. It may be that he is a stickler for the old-time names - and State's rights - and put up the fight on this basis. He seemed willing enough to sign the petition we sent.

Of course you knew this name question has been settled. I enclose a copy of the letter from the Geographic Board telling me of it. The net result of all this unpleasantness has been that Kep's name is now on a much grander mountain, for in truth one could have passed over the former peak and hardly realized he was crossing much

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PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

more than one of the undulations of the State line. But when he walks across the new site and looks out from the Jump-off he will know he has been on a real mountain, and have something to remember.

Yes, Rhoades maps arrived, and one copy has been forwarded to Washington. You certainly have done a wonderful piece of work in this map-making, and are entitled to much credit for your labors, both in running names down and in the actual map drawing. I certainly wish we had some one on the Tennessee side as capable and willing as you have proved yourself. We have no really good map of our side of the Park area, and this makes our reports compare unfavorably with what the Carolina people have to offer.

Before so very long I hope to hold another miniature Trail Conference here, inviting you, Kep, Cole, Supervisor Graham of the Unaka Forest, some one from Knoxville, probably Ranger Hough, and one or two others. I had hoped to do this before now, but one thing and another has held me up. At a meeting like this we could settle a lot of thing that will make it easier for all parties to go ahead with the work.

Really, I haven't been able to give the attention to trail and mountain matters I had hoped to this winter. Sickness and heavy work has kept me so engaged that all personal things have had to be laid aside. That's what a fellow gets for having to work for a living. Next time I come back to this world I'm going to arrange to be a retired capitalist early in life. Then what a time I'll have.

Sincerely,

Paul

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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

"The Great Smoky Mountains City"

P. O. Box 995.
March 7, 1931.

Dear Mr. Masa:

So many things have intervened that I have not had the opportunity to reply to your interesting letter of two weeks ago. Of course our hiking club is now engaged in trying to get the shekels to put over the expenses of the proposed Appalachian Trail Conference in June and every activity focuses on this at present.

I read extracts from your letter to the Club about your first hike over there, attendance etc. They thought the "60% women" made it "very nice!" We have a good proportion of girls and elderly women - old maids to be exact! - who attend our hikes quite faithfully and seem to enjoy every detail even to the hardships and grind which often tests their staying powers. I have known them to keep steadily at it even through heavy downpours of rain, or through snowdrifts up to their waists on top of the Smokies.

We had about 6to 8 inches of snow last week on top. It was very cold up there also. Always on the north side next to us there generally is quite a bit of ice and snow throughout the winter, lurking in the ravines up near the tops. One day recently however we went to Blanket Mountain above Elkmont and found spring almost in full blast with the tender sprouts of the wild cherry almost as red as blood with sap just under the bark.

We are fortunate in having University professors, scientists, who most generally are along and their conversation is very interesting about various finds, mushrooms, fungi, trees, and plants. So you see this phase of the hikes is quite educational for those who wish to linger along with them.

Jim Thompson took a panoram camera along and got two very fine panoramic views with about half of the whole range in the pictures. There was a little smoke from a brush fire off to the west but this did not cover all the range until late in the evening. In the case of a heavy haze of course a lens filter would be necessary. I hope you are getting some more good pictures.

Kindly write me as to hikes, etc., whenever you have a breathing space from business and I shall be glad to hear from you. With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Robert Lindsay Mason

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March 16, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Ashville Photo Company,
Arcade Building,
Ashville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I was glad to have your letter with the information that a trail club has been organized in North Carolina.

This looks as though it should result in closing the remaining gap in the trail and the completion of the entire project seems to be assured.

We will look forward to seeing you at the Smoky Mountains Conference next June.

Very sincerely yours,

E. B. Stone, Jr.

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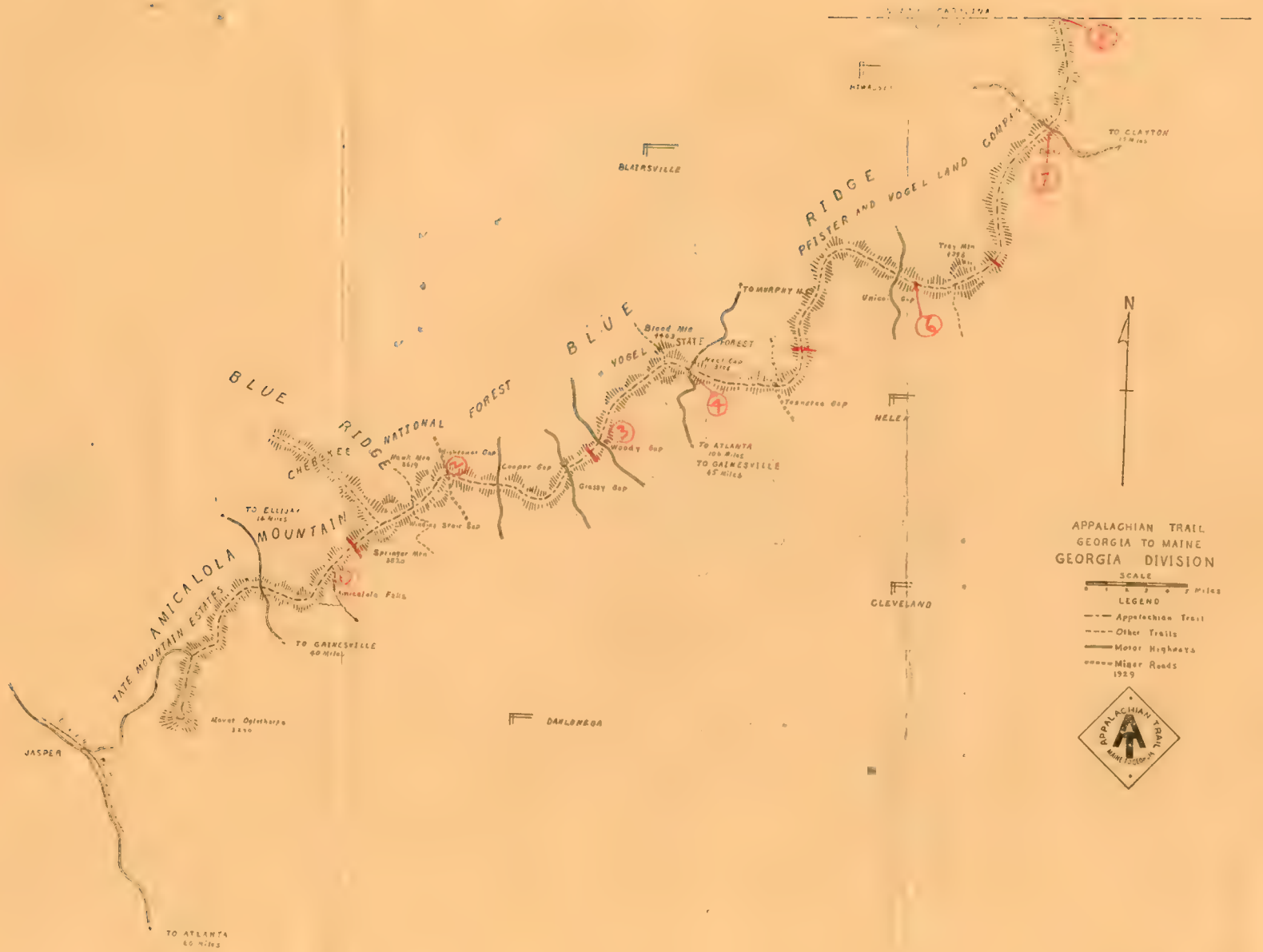
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Mr. George Masa
12 Church Street
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George:

It's true I do not take any Asheville papers just now but I have not heard of any Dagoes or Jew's of any prominence dying over there lately and am wondering what's become of you. Cant tell when I have heard from you and I am sure its your fault now isnt it? I do like to keep in touch with my friends occasionally, If you are mad with me about any thing you had just as well get it out of your system and come on up here and spend the day with me some time or I might come over and camp with you for a week or so, to tell the truth I am getting kindly hungry to see you once more and I believe I could stand you for a day or two and not make you work any.

Well old timer hows every thing going with you? It's been tough with me for the last few months but I believe I am beginning to see day light again. The winter has been dull as usual but things are picking up a little now and I hope it will continue for a while.

Really I would be glad to have you come up and see me at any time. Drop me a line when you have time.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

Frank.

How about the enclosed? Laugh and we will shoot you -

(Kephart?) Masa UCMC

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March 21, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I am writing a sort of a joint letter for the reason that more than one of the parties to whom these copies are being sent have been so indiscreet to offer to show me sections of the Appalachian Trail in Georgia if I came to the State. It really looks as if this invitation has come home for I am making very serious plans to spend six or seven days hiking from Mt. Oglethorpe north along the route of the Trail. I would then go to the Conference at Knoxville. Mr. L. I. Grinnell, Treasurer of the New York Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club wants to make this trip with me.

My idea would be to bring camping equipment and food and travel north along the route. I appreciate that there are very many attractions off of the main ridge but we would prefer to cover as much of the crest line as our time warrants. We would come to Atlanta by train and then I understand there are rail connections to Jasper.

I am writing this rather general letter so that you may see what I have in mind and can give me concrete suggestions as to the feasibility of this scheme and some idea of the amount of distance which we could cover. Barring bad weather and other difficulties I think that in a week we could make 90 miles. You could also let me know about the possibilities of getting off to the Conference Session Friday evening June 12th.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. Avery

Myron H. Avery,
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Mr. Elliot, Atlanta, Ga.
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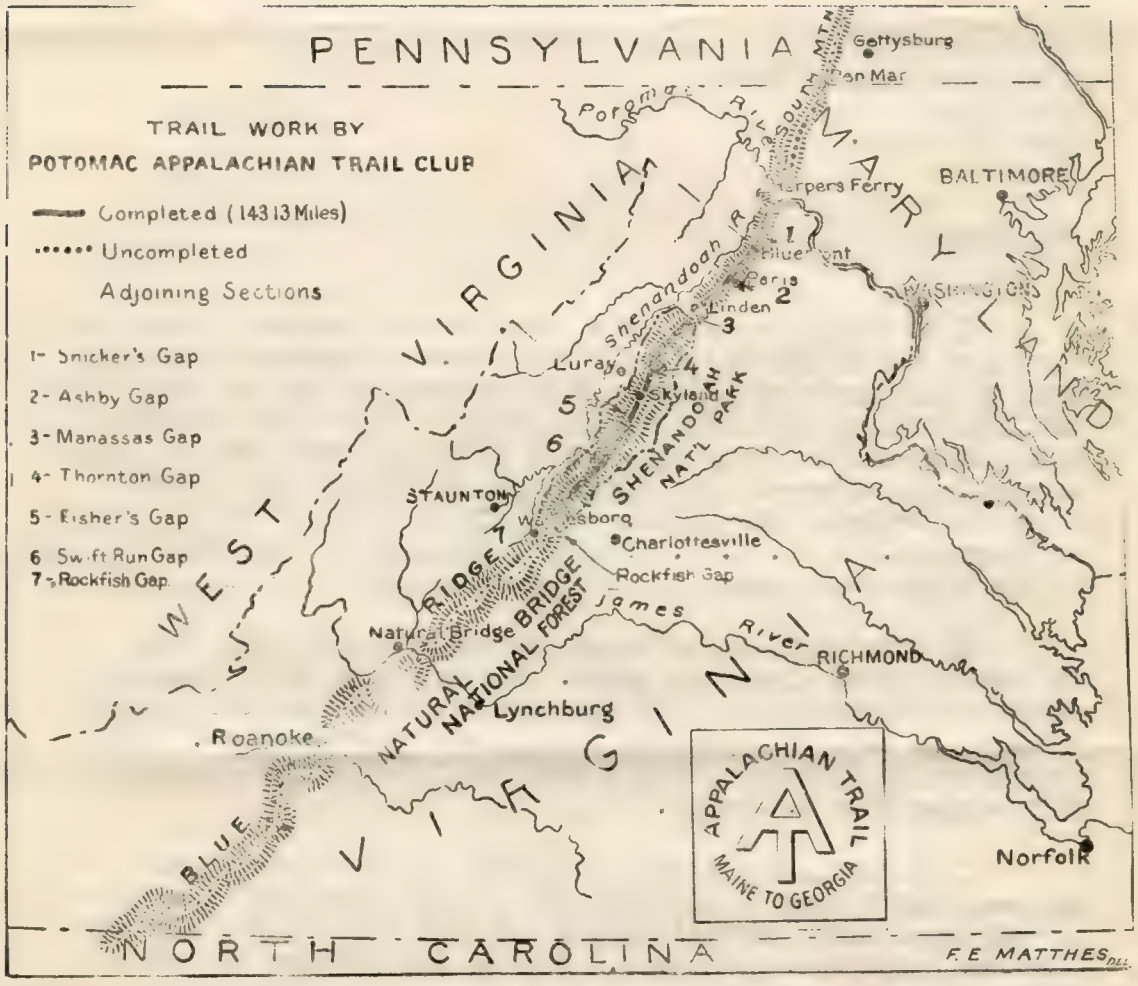
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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

"The Great Smoky Mountains City"

March 24, 1931

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville, N .C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

You have no doubt heard of the coming Appalachian Trail Conference which will be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee June 12-14 of this year. The conference seeks to coordinate the efforts of the various organizations along the course of the trail, and to create interest in matter of trail technique.

One reason for holding the conference in the South this year is to stimulate a greater interest among the cooperating southern outing clubs, and also to acquaint the members with much needed information in the matter of construction and development of trails.

We, of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, were overjoyed to hear of the formation of the Carolina Appalachian Trail Club, and have endeavored to get into official communication with the organization but so far have been unable to do so.

As Chairman of the Program Committee for the Appalachian Trail Conference, I have written Miss Stoughton, Secretary, and Mr. Stephens, President, of your club, but evidently my letters went astray inasmuch as I have received no reply from them.

Mr. Carlos Campbell has given me your name as a person well acquainted with that portion of the Appalachian Trail which the Carolina Appalachian Trail Club is sponsoring, and for that reason I am directing this letter to you.

It is our desire, naturally, to obtain the largest possible representation from the South. We already have word that there will be perhaps eight or ten from the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club; the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club

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is sending twenty-five or thirty, and our own delegation here at home will probably total fifty over the course of the conference. We, of course, want our sister organization from Carolina to have a strong delegation. Will you see that this request comes before the proper person?

In addition to the above a very important matter is the reporting by the sponsoring organization of the condition of the trail under its supervision. It is my understanding that your club has supervision of the trail between the Big Pigeon and the French Broad rivers. I am requesting that you make this report at the conference, or see that some other member does.

You no doubt know that in times past the expenses of the delegates have been defrayed either personally, or by the organization they represent.

Mr. Horace Kephart will be with us and will speak at the banquet on the first evening, Friday, June 12. We hope many of you will be present to hear him.

Very cordially yours,

Harvey Broome

Harvey Broome

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(Replied:) Masa

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March 26, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

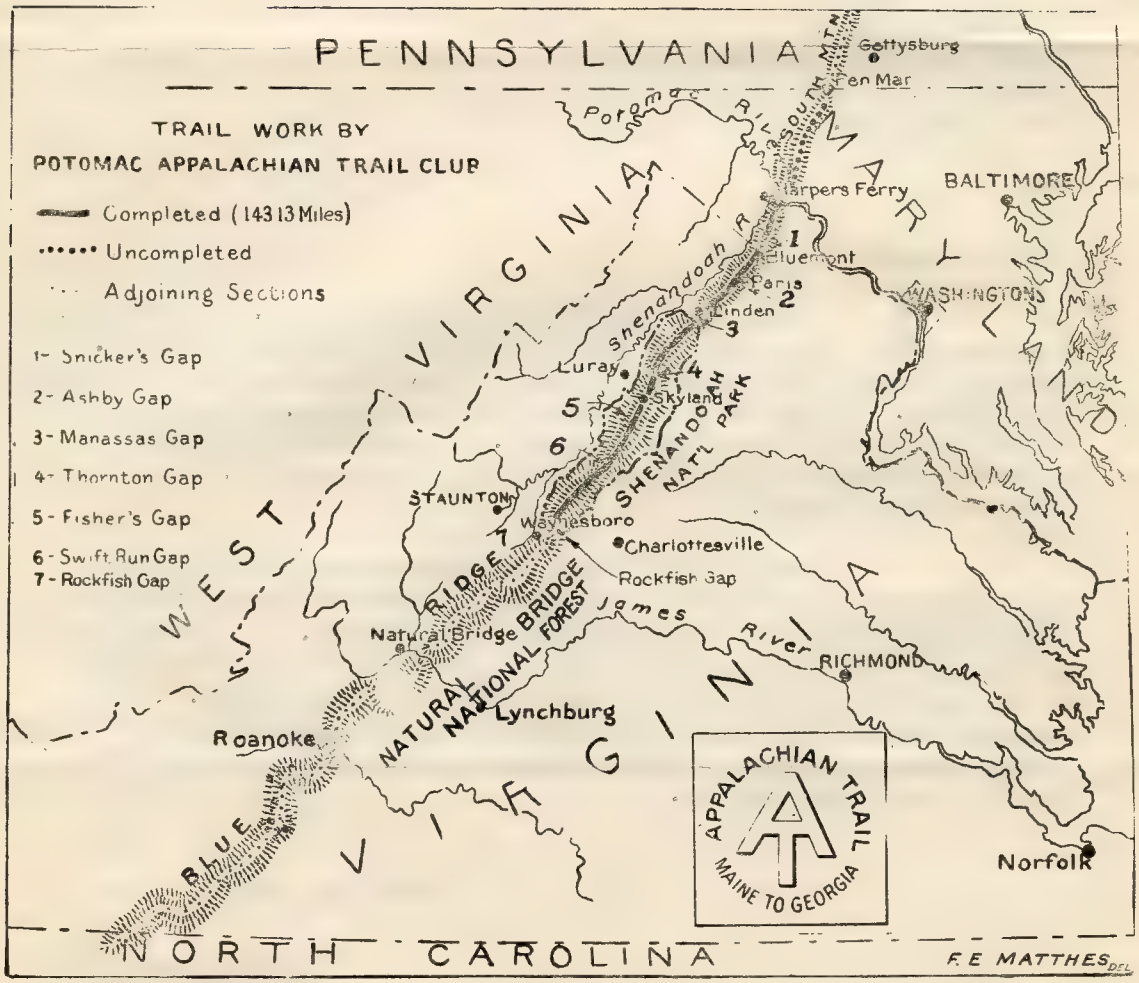
I have your letter of March 21, 1931. I certainly do appreciate what you are going to do to facilitate my trip. As soon as I hear from Stone or Elliot I can determine when to arrive in Atlanta. If you will give me a letter for Mr. Milner at that time it will help tremendously. We can plan to meet at a certain place on a certain date and go to Gatlinburg. That will be very fine indeed.

Ever since I read the Guyot manuscript I have been anxious to go over the roads from Waynesville and see the region he describes around Franklin and Webster. I understand the automobile road misses these towns. I hope some time to have a day or two to drive around the Southern Appalachians. I am looking forward to this trip with tremendous interest and I appreciate more than I can tell you what you are going to do to help me to put the thing through.

Sincerely yours,

Myron

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.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March 31, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I am sending you 200 additional markers. I think you already have quite a stock but I wanted you to turn these over to the Nantahala and Pisgah Supervisors if it is your program to have them put up some of the markers. These are donated by Mr. Perkins and when you run short call on me for more.

Sincerely yours,

Myron

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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April 1, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

You will recall that the Washington Club has been distributing for publicity purposes reprints of an article on the Appalachian Trail appearing in Mountain Magazine. There has been so much progress made in the last year and a half that the article is very much out of date. It is our plan to issue a supplemental page with a map, bringing the Trail situation up to date and to include these with the reprints, of which we have a considerable number. This would be available at the time of the Conference.

For the purpose of correctly reporting the situation in each section, I am asking if you will be good enough to write me a brief summary of the extent of Trail marked by your organization, the limits of its work, publications and anything else of interest.

I have to turn this article out on rather short notice and a reply within a week would be considerable assistance.

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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April 1, 1931.

Dear George:

The enclosed letter is a form letter which I have sent to the Southern Clubs in order to get the last minute data. I know in a general way about your territory on each side of Smoky but perhaps you could give me a quick summary.

I am going to suggest that when you go over your trail, as you write you intend to do, that you kill two birds with one stone and take the measuring wheel so that you can work up your trail data as we have done. We can send you all the markers that you need.

Have read your letter of March 30th with much interest. I am definitely planning to try and hike the Georgia section before the Conference. Diehl and I are also talking about doing the western half of Smoky during the summer. I don't know just how far it would be from Deal's Gap to Tapoco and on to the Georgia line-but I am anxious to see that region and it just struck me that id it wasn't more than three or four days I could cover it to Georgia after the Conference or when I went with Diehl.

I want to cover just the areas you plan to . After you get it nicely marked and measured I will come along and take adavantage of it.

Will of course keep you fully informed. Perhaps will try to end Georgia trip a day early in order to ride with you to Franklin and Webster.

Yours,

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sent to you & Paul.

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April 4th, 1931.

Mr. George Masa
Arcade Building
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George:

I thank you for your good letter of March 18th.

Have just read the account of Mr. Kepheart's tragic death with quite a bit of interest, not that I knew Mr. Kepheart so well as you know but because of your interest in him. If this weather moderates a bit I want to attend the funeral tomorrow and of course I will see you.

With every good wish and trusting to see you tomorrow, if not I will write you again in the near future.

Sincerely,

Frank

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April 6, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

When I learned of Horace Kephart's death yesterday for the first time, my thoughts immediately turned to you. You have been such congenial comrades and trail companions that I know just how much you will miss him on your trips into the woods. Personally, I feel that it was the kind of death that Kep would have wanted, swift and sudden, without any previous illness or misgivings.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Associate Director.

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April 6,

Dear George:

I have your letter together with one from Paul this morning. The newspapers also are here. I am very glad that you thought to send the papers.

I can appreciate what a shock this be particularly to you, who knew him so well. It will be to everyone interested in he out-of-doors and the Southern Appalachians. I had counted for years on meeting Kephart. The opportunity seemed very near. I shall value the few letters I have from him.

Sincerely

Myron

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East Boxford, Massachusetts

April 13, 1931

Asheville Photo Company, Inc.
Arcade Building
Asheville, North Carolina.

Attention of Mr. George Masa

Dear Mr. Masa:

Your letter of March 25th is received and I greatly appreciate your sending me the prints. I am keeping ten and sending back two. Enclosed is my check for $7.50 to cover.

Certainly, those postal cards were wonderful and I wish you could produce them in this country.

Can you send me prints of the same subject in glossy finish? I could use them in my catalog work.

The Spider Lily I understand grows in the Eastern North Carolina and you also ought to find it around Salisbury. It is not hardy here, at least that is what I would imagine, although I have never tried it.

I was wondering if it grew around Asheville or how did you get a photograph of it?

I thank you very much for sending the photographs and if you have any more of similar subjects let me have them and I will be glad to pay you.

Yours truly,

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Mr. T. G. Norris,
Michaux State Forest,
Fayetteville,
R.D. No. 2,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Tom:

I suppose you have received by now a copy of the American Motorist. We will be sending you reprints within a few days.

I am very much disappointed over the use of the map but it is a matter over which I had no control. I did not know of the reduction until the issue was out. The map as used is useless. The space given to some of the photographs could have been used for this purpose.

As you know we are planning on our trip scheduled for May 10th. How is the fire situation? Perhaps Schairer and I will be able to paint the trail on this trip, so if you have an opportunity it might be more productive to put paint on the section between the Bunker Hill Farm and the Fire Tower, which in places would be hard to follow.

I have had an inquiry from one of the Trail Organization as to where they could purchase a wheel. I thought the man who made yours might be interested in making one for them. If he is will you let me know at what price.

mara

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

(Kephart:) Mara NCMC From M. Avery

April 17, 1931.

Mr. C. L. Graham,
Supervisor,
Unaka National Forest,
Bristol,
Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Graham:

You will recall our previous correspondence with respect to putting up markers on the Appalachian Trail route through the Unaka Forest and that the Trail Conference representatives in Southern Virginia were to confer with you in order to make sure of their proper connection at each end of the Forest.

Mr. S. L. Cole was in Washington this week and he tells me that he has practically completed measuring and marking his entire 200 mile section from the Peaks of Otter to the Unaka National Forest at Bullesby's Ferry. He has made a preliminary investigation into the link to connect with that surveyed as far as Taylor's Valley by Mr. Comer and would like to meet you at your convenience and discuss the matter. Mr. Cole thought it would be desirable to have Mr. Clint Jackson, who I understand to be one of your rangers, present at the Conference.

With so much trail completed in Virginia, I thought it would be very fine if we could start this work during the coming year in order to report as much completed mileage as possible in Tennessee.

I have been wondering whether the ultimate route would pass over Whitetop. I have never been in that particular locality and you people, of course, know exactly the local problems involved. A traverse over the mountain, of course, increases the difficulty of the through route but I did wish to ask you to consider particularly the feasibility of having the route pass over such an outstanding peak.

(Kephart?) mass NCMC
Drafted from Avery
4/17/31

I am looking forward to the opportunity of meeting you at the Trail Conference at Gatlinburg.

If you will be good enough to let Mr. Cole know of a convenient date for a Conference I think that we will be able to make progress with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Myron M. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Cole
CC: Mr. Fink
CC: Mr. Ozmer.

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April 18, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I am enclosing a draft of a supplement to the Appalachian Trail article to be used up and down the line for publicity purposes. I want you to check the territory you know carefully and make sure that my statements are correct. I have gone particularly into detail on the southern section.

I am trying to arrive at some figure for the entire length of the Trail and I wish you would give me your best guess for the distance from the northern end of the Unaka Forest to the Little Tennessee. Will you also check my figure on the distance from the Little Tennessee to Rich Knob. I should like to get this to the printer in the next two weeks so I hope this letter will reach you promptly, although I rather imagine you are in Charleston.

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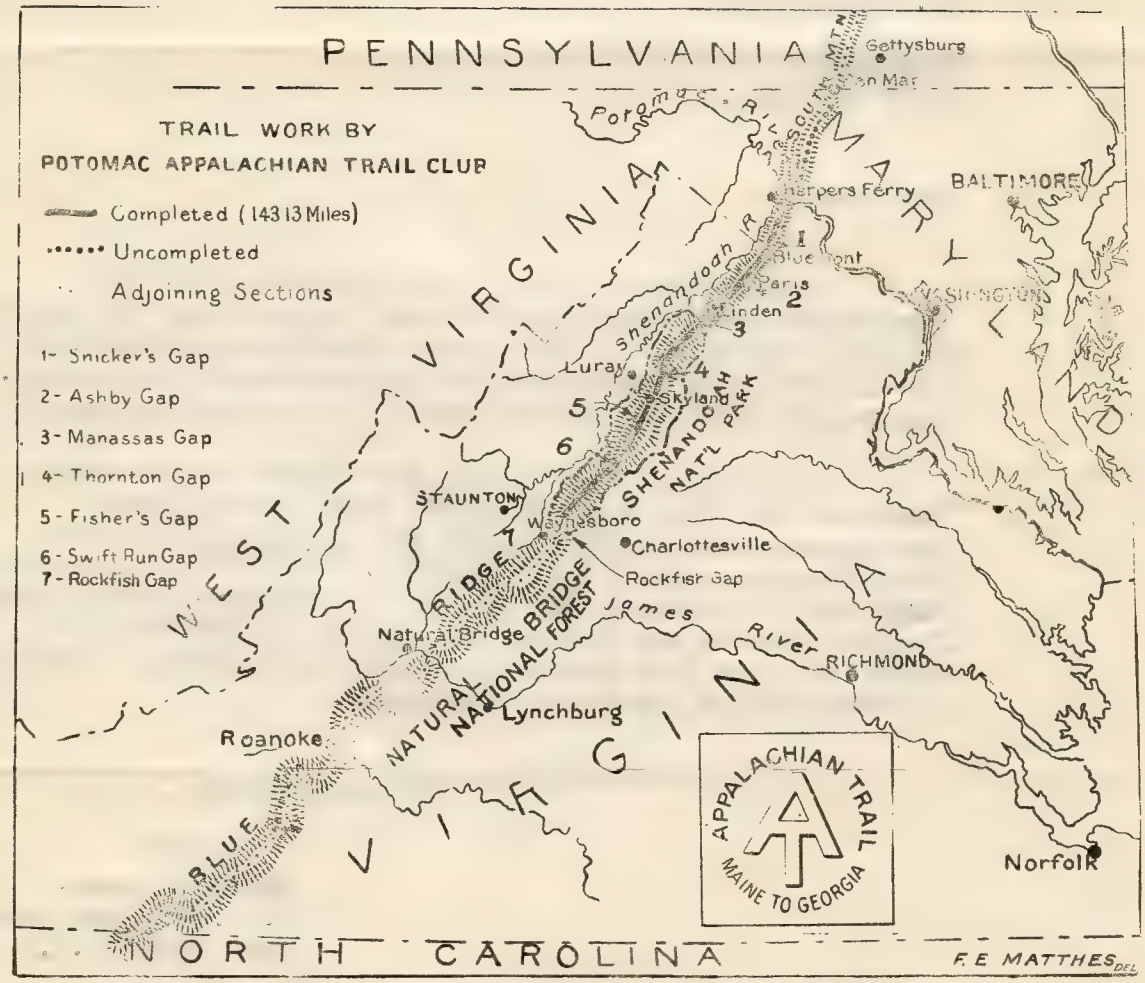
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~~ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA~~

1237 Massachusetts Ave,
Washington, D.C.
April 20. 1931.

Dear George,

I am sorry that I got away without getting the letters of introduction that you promised me to an official of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, and to some one in the Department of the Interior, Park Service, I believe. I would be pleased to have you send me the letters if you would care to do so.

The cherry blossoms have been fine here. We have been having lovely weather. I hope that you have, too, and that the trip last week to Yates' Knob was a big success.

Please give my regards to the club members that you see.

Sincerely,
Jesse H. Buell.

(Kephart:) massa home From Broome

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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

"The Great Smoky Mountains City"

April 21, 1931.

Mr. George Massa,
Arcade Bldg.,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Massa:

We share with your Club your sorrow at the death of Horace Kephart, and feel that his going is a great loss to the Smoky Mountains.

I note in your letter that you inquire the location of Bylbys' Dam in North Carolina. I am sorry to say that I do not know where it is except that it is my understanding that it is the southern terminus of that part of the Appalachian Trail covered by the Southern Virginia Appalachian Trail Club. I may be mistaken in this, but the matter is of little moment if your club connects up with the Southern Virginia Appalachian Trail Club. There is some confusion in my mind about these southern stretches because of the lack of good maps of the region and I feel the Conference will do a real service if it clears up a number of these points.

Mr. Graham of the Unaka National Forest has agreed to make some statement about the trail in the forest and also we have a letter from Roy Ozmer who hiked through the region last summer, stating that he also will make a brief report of his hike. If there is an overlapping of reports it will be due to the fact that the Trail in this particular locality is still in the development stage. The Great Smoky Mountains will be covered in a report by Professor S. H. Essary of our club.

We agree with you that the best route for the Parsons Bald is on down the State Line to Deals Gap and up the river to Tapoca. A group of six or eight of our club members plan to scout this out next Sunday and our findings will be included in the report of Mr. Essary.

(Kephart) masa ncmc

masa from Broome
4/12/31

I wonder if the so-called "Branch" leaving the State Line at Siler's Bald has been abandoned in the thinking of your organization. In a recent letter from Supervisor Smith of the Cherokee National Forest, he showed one route proceeding on down the State Line from Deals Gap, another departing therefrom at Siler's Bald. Mr. Smith has agreed to report on the Trail in the Cherokee National Forest and again we might run into some confusion on account of the lack of authoritative information.

I appreciate exceedingly the interest that you personally, and your Club are taking and will certainly call on you as the need arises.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Harvey Broome

Harvey Broome,
Chairman Program Committee.

Jonesboro, Tenn.
April 22nd, 1931.

Mr. C. L. Graham, Supervisor,
Unaka National Forest,
Bristol, Tennessee.

Mr. S. L. Cole,
Floyd, Va.

Gentlemen:-

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I shall be glad to hear from you both at your early convenience, telling if you will be able to come down on the 10th.

Looking forward to meeting you both in person, and enjoying a regular gab-fest, I am,

Very truly,

Paul M Fink

(Kephart? Mason ?)

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(Kephart:) Masa NCMC From Kenneth Boardman

BUREAU OF BUSINESS RESEARCH
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

41 Irving Terrace

Cambridge, Massachusetts

April 28, 1931.

Dear Mr. Masa, —

Your letter arrived this morning and was surely a shock. From what you had told me I can realize how keenly you must feel the loss and how much you valued your association with him. You are right that his going is a real loss to the country which he loved so well and to the many who through him have come to know a bit of it too.

Since returning here I have read his book and found it one of the most fascinating things I've ever read. The memory of my evening with him will always stand out as one of the pleasantest and most instructive I've had. Even though I knew him for so short a while I have felt today as if I had had a real loss and so can imagine your feeling, who knew him so well.

Your invitation to join you and Myron is deeply appreciated and I would like nothing better if it could be done. At present I am working temporarily at the University, where

(Kephart:) masa ncmc

Kenneth Jolin Boardman 4/28/91

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Cambridge, Massachusetts

I used to work and am trying for a job in Washington - if that comes through I shall certainly try to take you up on that invitation some time; but when, I can't tell. Anyway, I feel tremendously pleased to know that sometime you ~~be~~ may be willing to show me more of the country.

I wrote young Hoover suggesting that you would be glad to send up some of your pictures for him to see and am wondering if you have gotten in touch with each other.

Also am wondering how things stand on the Champion fibre suit. Avery told me that the verdict was high and might prove a serious obstacle to the Park plans. Surely hope there will be no hitch.

My very best wishes to you in carrying on Mr. Kephart's work, and your own — and here's to that trip which will take together — sometime . .

Sincerely
Kenneth L Boardman

(Kephart) Mss

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THE BANKING & TRUST CO.

Jonesboro, Tenn.,
April 29th, 1931.

Dear George,

As outlined in copy of the letter I sent you a few days ago, we will hold a miniature Trail Conference here on Sunday, May 10th, similar to the one we put on last winter. I want you to come, and to bring with you one other of the Asheville group. Wish I could say bring more, but as I plan to have all present as my guests for dinner thatday the size of my table of necessity limits the crowd., I hope to have you two, two from Knoxville, Supervisor Graham of the Unaka Forest, Mr. Cole and possibly Hodge Mathes of Johnson City. I plan to be there myself, too. I wish I could ask you to come over the night before and be my guest over night, but right now I am not fixed up to to this.

This meeting isn't going to seem right to me, with Kep not there. All winter I have been looking forward to it, and to having a long talk with him. Don't you know, the going of ay friend has never gotten quite so clode to me as this did. I wanted badly to go to Bryson to th funeral, but both the children were sick in bed at the time, and I wasn't feeling the best in the world myself. Under the circumstances I thught best not to leave home.

When I see you we'll talk things over. Here lately I have hadd too many things on my hands to even write letters.

Sincerely,

Paul

(Kephart?) Masa letter

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

April 30, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

My dear George:

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Cam and I often speak of you and I need not tell you again that we both appreciate your cooperation and help. We would not consider a trip to the Great Smokies complete unless you were in our party.

I would have liked to have been in Asheville yesterday when the news came of the acquisition of the Champion Fibre holdings. It was certainly a great event when all interests came together.

With best regards, in which Cam heartily joins me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Horace M. Albright
Director.

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Dear Mr. Masa:

Since writing you last week we have worked out a tentative draft of the program for the Conference. Your club has assumed charge of two separate sections of the Trail, and for sake of clarity in reporting, I think the statements should be made separately preceding and following the report on the Great Smoky Mountains by a member of our club. In the tentative draft of the program we have you reporting on the Trail from "Cherry Gap to Hartford", and Mr. Stevens from "Cheoah Dam at Little River to Rich Knob". I do not know whether this allocation is satisfactory to your club or not. Perhaps you will want one person to make both reports. Kindly let me know immediately how this suits you so the matter may appear correctly in the program.

Four of us went down to Deal's Gap Sunday and scouted the Trail from there to the Cheoah Dam, and marked it on our return. Personally, I feel that the logical point of cleavage between the two clubs is at the Cheoah Dam. Perhaps we can discuss this more thoroughly at the Conference.

Very truly yours,

Harvey Broome.

Harvey Broome

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(Kephart:) Masa UCMC

UNITED STATES
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 4, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

My dear George:

It was mighty fine of you to write me under date of May 1, in regard to the acquisition of the Champion Fibre Company's lands by the North Carolina and Tennessee Park Commissions.

My part in this deal was exceedingly small. The National Park Service end of it was handled mostly by Mr. Cammerer who from the beginning has done so much for this project. Of course, we are all very happy about the outcome. We feel now that the park is almost within our hands.

I wish I could promise that I would be at Gatlinburg on June 12. However, it looks as though it will be quite impossible for me to get down there at that time.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Horace M. Albright
Director.

(Replaces Masa letter)

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 5, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N.C.

My dear George:

It was fine of you to write me under date of May 3 and send me clippings from the Asheville papers containing the editorials on the purchase of the Champion Fibre Company's lands and on the decision of the Champion Fibre Company to expand their plants at Canton.

It is very plain to see that the purchase of the Fibre Company's holdings brought a lot of happiness to your section of the country.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Horace M. Albright
Director.

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May 6, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company, Inc.,
Arcade Building,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 2, 1930 and the return of the manuscript. I have incorporated the data and the correction which you have given me. Your corrections have saved me from one or two bad blunders.

I am setting out the tabulation which I used in arriving at the distances given in the summary. It might otherwise puzzle you. By completed Trail I mean trail on which the Appalachian Trail markers have been put up.

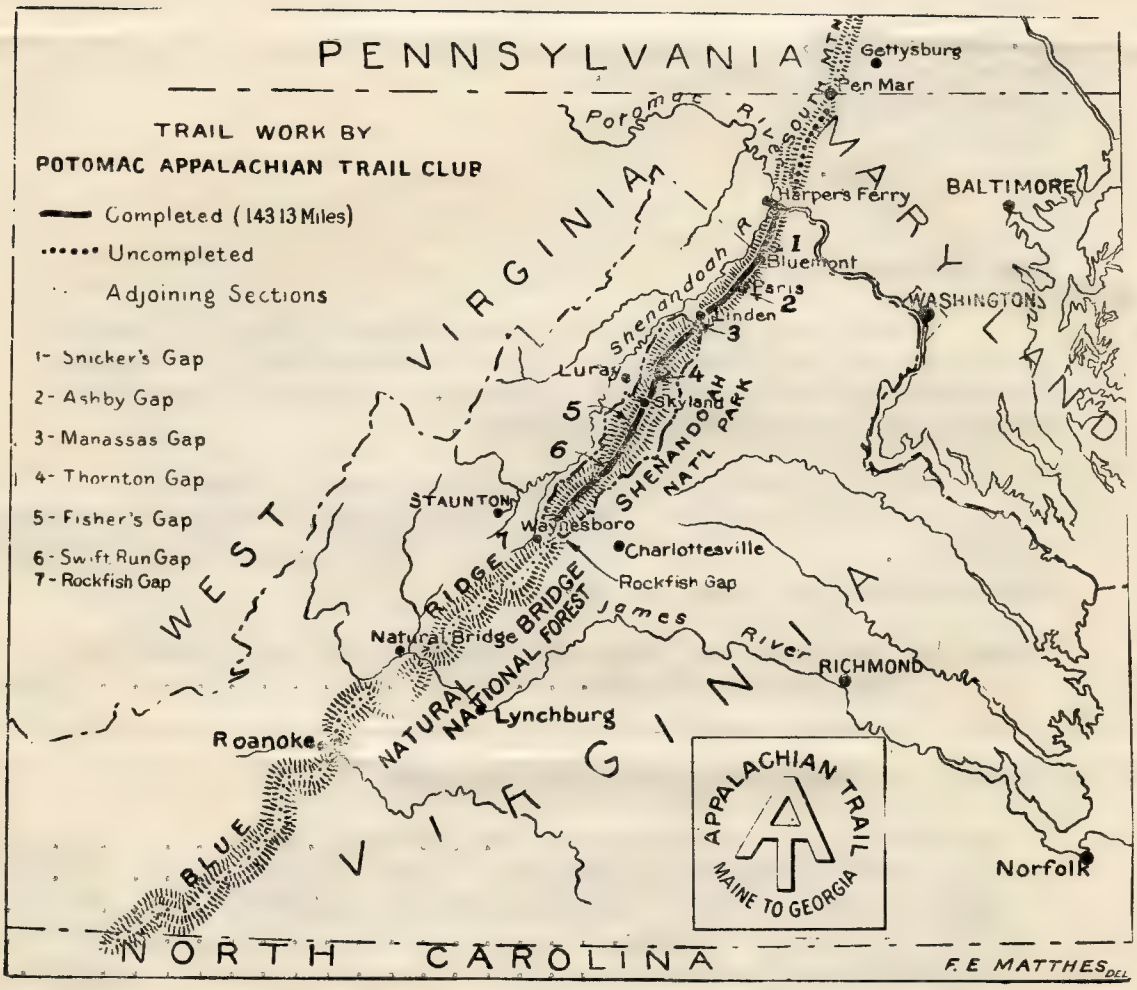
Graham's estimate in Virginia through Unaka to Byllesby Dam from Taylor's Valley. . . . . 91 m.

North Carolina-Tennessee line

Taylor's Valley to Cherry Gap (P.A.T.C Bull. 23). . . .	54.6 m.
Cherry Gap to Unaka Springs (your letter 4/10/31) . . .	19.55 m.
Unaka Springs to Flint Gap (your letter 4/10/31) . . .	.28 m.
Flint Gap to Hot Springs.	.37 m.
Hot Springs to Waterville	.36 m.
Waterville to Tapoco (estimate) through Great Smokies.	75
	250.15 m.

North Carolina

Tapoco to Nantahala Station.	45 m.
Nantahala Station to Rich Knob.	.39
	84 m.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Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
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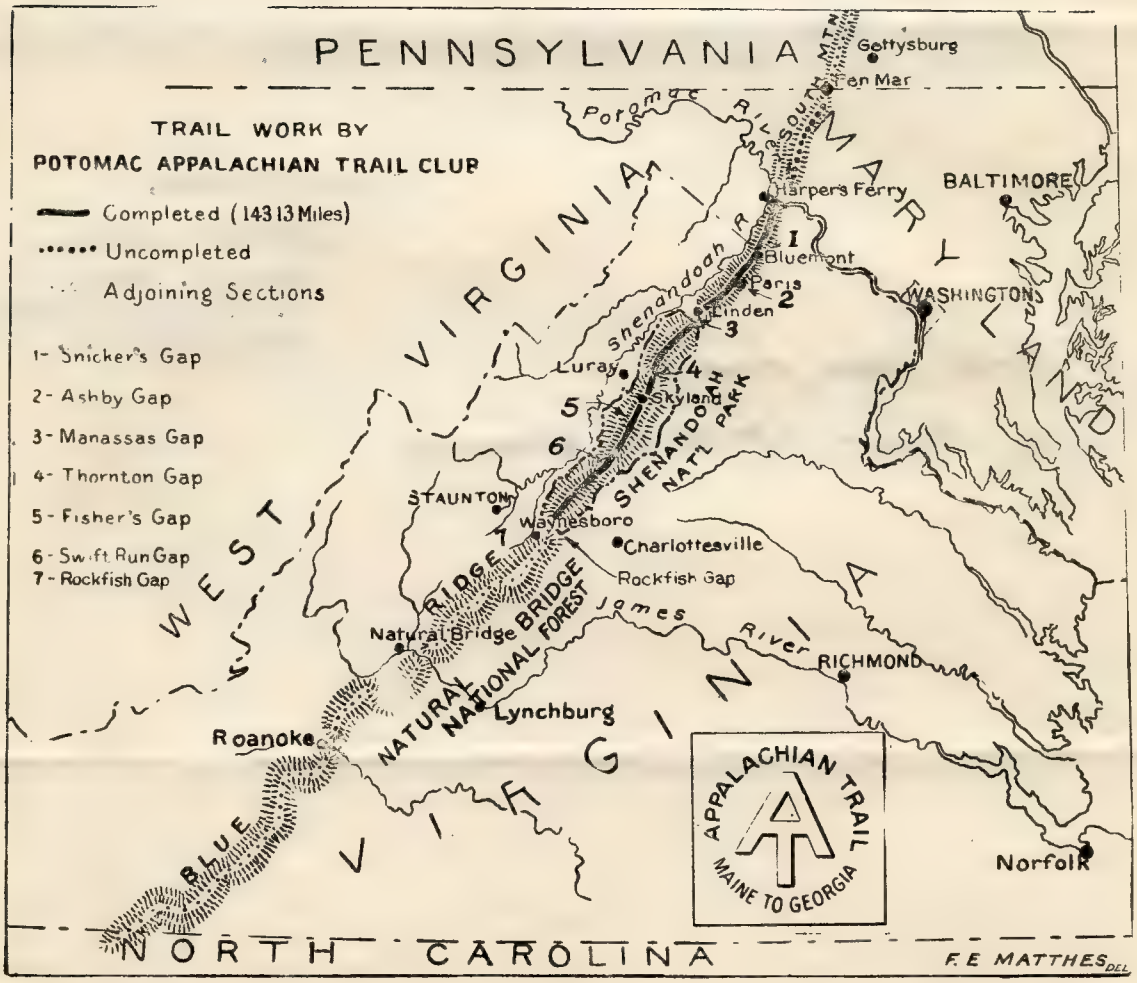
Photos are here.
Very Fine. Many thanks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May 7, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

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Only the other day we were speaking of photographers and I referred to the enterprise, energy and public spirit which you have always shown in your public work. Your great success in western North Carolina is due I consider in large part to your willingness to take an endless amount of trouble without definite guarantees as to where the profit is coming from. I consider you are one of the finest assets western North Carolina has.

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May 12, 1931

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Mr. Broome has returned to me your letter of May 4,which was forwarded to him in Cincinnati where he is attending Federal Court,and asked me to acknowledge it.

We will be glad to use Mr. Mattoon's name on the program. If you find positively that he cannot come and want to substitute some one else let us know by Friday, as our program goes to the printer Friday morning.

It is agreeable with us that one of your reports should precede the report of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club and the other should follow as this is the logical order.

We sent you by separate mail a number of reservation blanks, and can send you a few more invitations and as many reservations as you can use. If you want the program sent to any special people please give us a list at once .

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you and your group in June,

Sincerely,

Ella Luttrell Secretary

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(Kephart) Masa

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company, Inc.,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

In reply to your letter of May 3:

I thank you for calling attention to certain desirable changes in the names of features shown upon the advance sheets of the topographic maps of the proposed Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Advance sheets of Nos. 14 and 15 of this series will probably be available in June, and if not, in July.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Watson

D. H. WATSON,
Acting Division Engineer in Charge,
ATLANTIC DIVISION.

(Replaced) Nice letter from Fink

DANIEL BOON TREE
NEAR JONESBORO

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Jonesboro, Tenn.,
May 14th, 1931.

Dear George,

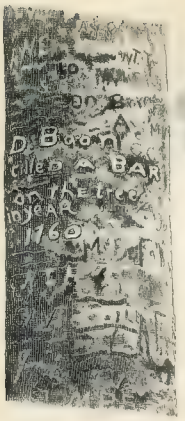
I have marked your map and am enclosing it. Mr. Graham agreed to put up markers from the Nolichucky to Cherry Gap, and from Siam via the Holston Mt to the upper end of the Unaka Forest, and a letter from him this morning says that he hopes to have this done in time to make report at the Conference at Gatlinburg.

The gap from Cherry Gap to Siam will have to be signed by local parties, and Hodge Mathes thinks he may be able to enlist the support of people in Johnson City for this, maybe forming a club there. The stretch from the Nolichucky to the highway gap east of Big Butte will have to be handled the same way.

Sure, I've been on the Grandfather many times, once in weather that almost froze us before we could get down. You will have no trouble there, except when you try to get to the top of the next to the eastermost peak. The trail to it leaves the one you will be following in an abrupt, indistinct manner, and you will most probably overrun it unless you have a native guide. I did. I believe I could find it now, though I haven't been there for about three yars, but I couldn't describe the turning so you could follow it. There is good water in several places between the point where you will leave the road -Yonahlossee- and where the woodsroad you will first follow comes to an end in a small grassy spot.

Sorry I can't be with you on either visit. Lena will be out of town with the car Sunday the 17th, and I will be keeping he kids. On the 30th-31st, if my plans work out, I'm going in search of a set of old-time gun-smith's tools that I believe I can get for almost nothing. Those things, you know, are very rare now-a-days, and I can't overlook the chance to pick this up.

Next week I am hoping to call my Nomenclature



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Jonesboro, Tenn.,

Committee together and try to get all our suggestions for the State line together, also for duplications on our side of the line. The time is getting short to get all this stuff together.

I believe that our meeting Sunday did a lot of good toward working out some of the problems that we ought to settle among ourselves, and not try to worry the Conference at Gatlinburg with. And if one of the results will be the establishment of a Trail Club at Johnson City to handle a section unprovided for it will have been a wonderful success.

Sincerely,

Paul

(Kephart:) masa ncmc

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May 14, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
119 Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of May 12 is received.

The Biennial Report for 1909-10 was sent you yesterday. It was omitted from the original package because of the difficulty of locating it in our storeroom.

Your proposed trip along the Mount Mitchell Ridge sounds very interesting. I should be very glad to have our Park Warden accompany you if he can help you in any way. He is needed on most days around the tower and warden's cabin to look after visitors, but he could probably arrange to have someone take his place if necessary.

Very truly yours,

J. S. Holmes

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May 19,1931

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I certainly was glad to meet you and Mr. Stephens at Waterville. I enjoyed the hike to White Rock, and I hope you all enjoyed your trek.

I am sending by parcels post fifteen copies of our 1931 booklet, and can send you more if you have any particular friends who would be interested in the Smokies and the Appalachian Trail.

Please let us know how many extra copies of the program you will want. We intend to send your Club twenty-five, but you can have as many more as you wish as we are having a good many printed. These will be ready for distribution Thursday or Friday.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,

Ella Luttrell Secretary

EPL SMOKY MOUNTAINS HIKING CLUB

(Kephart?) masa NCMC

PAUL M. FINK
JONESBORO, TENN.

May 21st, 1931.

Dear George,

The idea of division of territory we decided on that Sunday here was that Mr. Graham would mark in the Unaka Forest to Hunter, leave a gap to Cherry Gap, and then mark to Unaka Springs. Hodge Mathes and I would try to organize a group to care for the interval between Hunter and Cherry Gap, and also between the Nolichucky River and Flint Gap. This will let the N. C. A. T. C. have from Flint Gap to Waterville and from Topoca to Rich Knob. Of course, if ######## we cannot get the necessary assistance in Johnson City to care for the territory assigned us it may be that later some different arrangement will have to be worked out.

Jim Thompson phoned me the other day that I am to have two speeches on the program at Asheville instead of one. Better bring along plenty of cotton to plug your ears. We had hoped to have either Mr. Albright of Mr. Cammerer, but both of them will be too busy to make the trip. Avery writes that he is leaving Washington about June 4th, to go to Mt. Oglethorpe and tramp back up the Trail.

Sincerely,

Paul

(Kephart:) Masa NCMC

UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

WASHINGTON May 21, 1931.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Both Mr. Cammerer and I were very glad to have your notes of introduction of the 24th of April, which were presented to us several days ago by your friend Mr. J. H. Buell, Vice President of the Carolina Appalachian Trail Club. We are always glad to meet friends of yours, and we both enjoyed meeting Mr. Buell and having a talk with him.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Horace M Albright

Director.

(Kephart) Mss NCHC

With memo from Avery 5/25/31

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May 21, 1931.

Mr. Myron H. Avery,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Myron:

According your letter May 18th, your schedule to hike So. A.T. as follows:-

June 2, -- Leave Washington
June 3, -- At Charleston S.C.
June 4, -- At Atlanta 5:20 A.M. stay pullman till 7 A.M. then go up mountain to start hike to Amicalola Falls.
June 5, -- Nightower Gap.
June 6, -- Woody Gap
June 7, -- Neel Gap.
June 8, -- Vandivere Place
June 9, -- Indian Grave Gap.
June 10,-- Dicks Gap
June 11,-- Dicks Gap to State line-Rich Knob, now list from this point you got hike 8 miles to Deep Gap then coming down to White Oak Bottom then climb up Wallace Gap 6 miles where car meet you.

Well, I don't know how far Dicks Gap to State Line are, but it seems to me too much distance in one day. I called by long distance talked with Mr. Byrne who is new supervisor of Nantahala National Forest asked him if I can drive car from Wallace Gap to White Oak Bottom, he says it is impossible to pass car, so you see, better stretch some day's hike distance and get on Rich Knob about noon June 11, and spend night at Franklin if you can, or spend night Rich Knob they I meet you at Wallace Gap about noon then drive to Gatlinburg that evening. I guess I can drive to Gatlinburg before dark from Wallace Gap, but if we start Franklin in morning I can drive through most interesting mountain roads.

June 4th when you arrive in Atlanta Mr. Elliott take you up Mountain. Well, if you leave Atlanta about 8 A.M. you will get up Mountain about 11 A.M. as you see enclosed sketch, you better drive to Mt. Oglethorpe then drive back to Gap hit A.T. if do that I believe you can reach Amicalola Falls before dark.

I will write Tate Mountain Estates people anyway be prepared welcome to your party and have lunch on the top of Joe Burrell Mountain at the Lodge.

Please let me know this schedule is correct or not then I will write and prepare whole thing.

With Mesa from Avery
5/25/1937

If I can make some arrangement with Nantahala National Forest people, I will put A.T. Markers Rich Knob to Deep Gap before you make trip, so you can through trail without delay. I understood Georgia A.T. Club already put up Markers to Rich Knob.

Sincerely,

George.

(Kephart:) Masa NCW

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Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

We have your letters of 20th and 21st.

We enclose copies of our letters to Messrs. Holmes and Harrelson, also return your letter from Mr. Holmes. We have several names from the Forestry Department in Washington on our mailing list but I do not know which one is the chief, so addressed a program to "Chief of Forest Service" and hope it goes to the proper person.

Mr. Broome thinks Mr. Stephens and confreres have mapped out quite a big undertaking. He and two others, Dutch Roth and Carl Boger, are going to Cade's Cove this afternoon and mark part of the Equanulty Gap section tomorrow. I know you will enjoy your trip to Georgia.

Cordially yours,

Ella Luttrell Secretary

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Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company, Inc.,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear Masa:

I have your letter of May 21st and I am very much indebted to you for all the pains you are taking to look after me. You have my schedule right except that I understand from Mr. Stone that the trail has been changed so that it no longer passes the Vandivore place. This is a minor matter, of course. I understand that Mr. W. W. Hall of Decatur, Georgia, will join me at Neel Gap.

If everything goes all right, I won't mind at all stretching the distance 11 miles to get into Wallace Gap where you could meet me or if things went badly, I could get into Wallace Gap some time early on the 12th and we could perhaps get to Gatlinburg before dark. I would much prefer to spend the night of the 11th in Franklin and have time to see some of the interesting mountain roads.

There is no necessity of my staying in bed on reaching Atlanta and I could be ready to go as early as desired after arrival. I think an early start is desirable in order to be sure to reach Amicolola Shelter.

How far is it from Wallace Gap to Franklin? Don't you think, tentatively, that we had better plan to meet at Wallace Gap on the night of the 11th.

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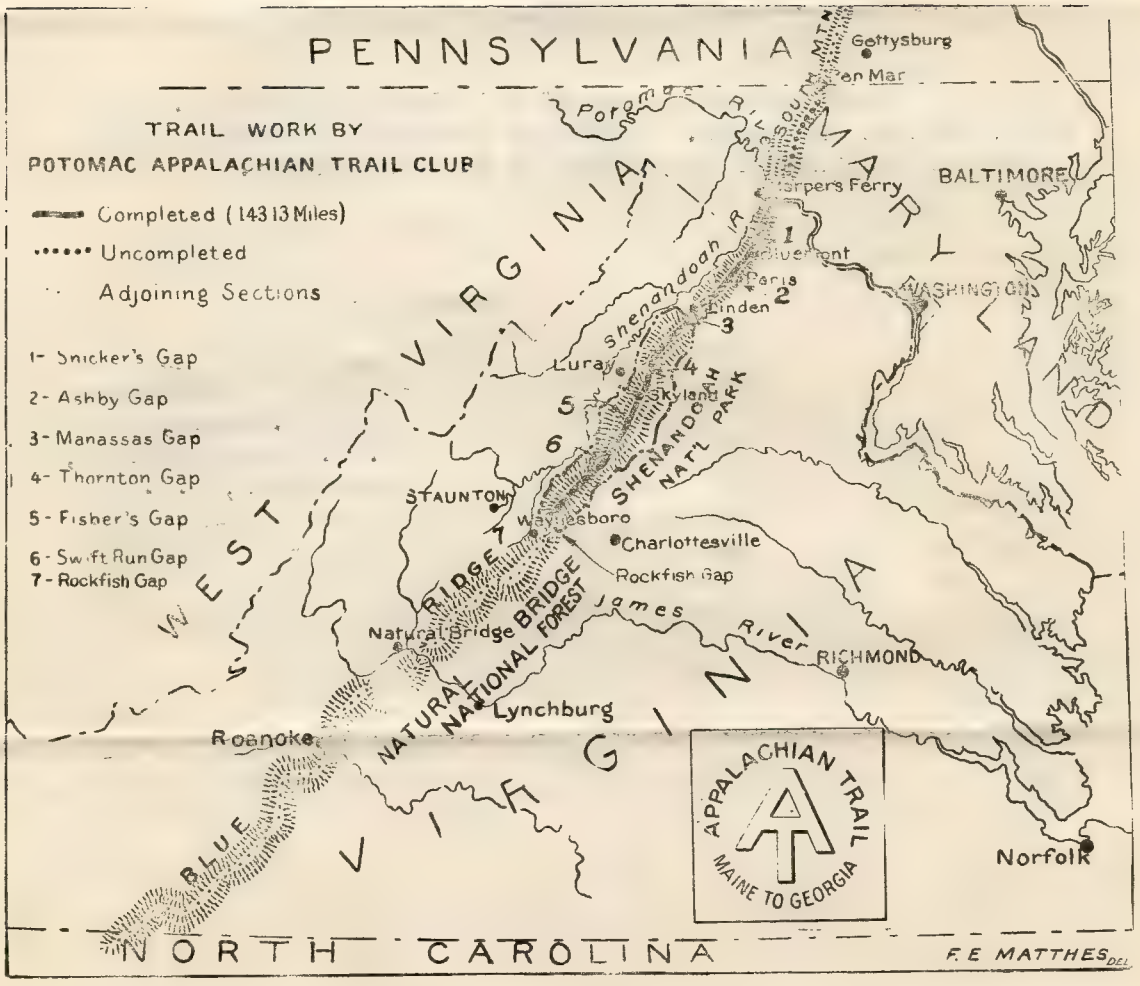
May 25, 1931.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Messrs. Stone, Hall, Elliott and Ozmer. I am also enclosing a copy of your letter of the 21st to me to each of these gentlemen.

Sincerely,

M. H. Avery

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.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May 28th, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Co.
Arcade Bldg.,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear George:

We have yours of May 25th to Mr. Milner in regard to Messrs.Avery and Grinnell, officials of the Appalachian Trail Conference.

The writer called Mr. Elliott at the Foresty Service, and in his absence talked to his superior. Mr.Elliott returns to the city at the end of the week at which time we will get together and arrange plans for meeting Messrs. Avery and Grinnell, and we will transport them up to Tate Estates, - entertain them at lunch, - and give them a send off on the first leg of their hike over the Appalachian Trail.

We appreciate very much your writing us about this matter, and we are sorry that you could not arrange to be with us at this time.

If it is your desire to get in touch with Mr. Luke E. Tate regarding a monument for Mr. Kephart, would advise that you write him at Tate, Georgia. We were all greatly shocked to learn of Mr. Kephart's tragic death and Mr. Luke Tate and the writer discussed making the trip over to Bryson City for the funeral, but as you recall at that particular time the weather was very bad and the condition of the un-paved Georgia highways was not good, so we had to call it off.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

C. Armand Hope.

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May 28, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
14 Church Street,
Ashville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Since writing you the other day I have arranged to furnish you a guide and, if need be, a light car at Blairsville, Georgia, for the purpose of meeting Mr. Avery at Blue Ridge Gap on June 11th in case it seems to be more convenient than having him continue on beyond the North Carolina line. In order to do this, he would have to retrace his steps about three miles to Blue Ridge Gap.

If you decide that you had best meet him in Blue Ridge Gap you should get in touch with Mr. Carey Earnest at Blairsville, Georgia, who will make all necessary arrangements so that you can reach Blue Ridge Gap as early on the 11th as you may desire.

This would necessitate your coming to Blairsville, Georgia.

I am enclosing a sketch which I hope will make this clear.

Sincerely yours,
E. B. Stone, Jr.
E. B. Stone, Jr.

ENC.
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Copy to: Mr. Carey Earnest, Blairsville, Ga.
Mr. Myron Avery, U. S. Shipping Board,
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Hawk Mtn
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Cooper Gap
Woody Gap
Grassy Gap
TO ATLANTA
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TO GAINESVILLE
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TO ELLIJAY
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Springer Mtn
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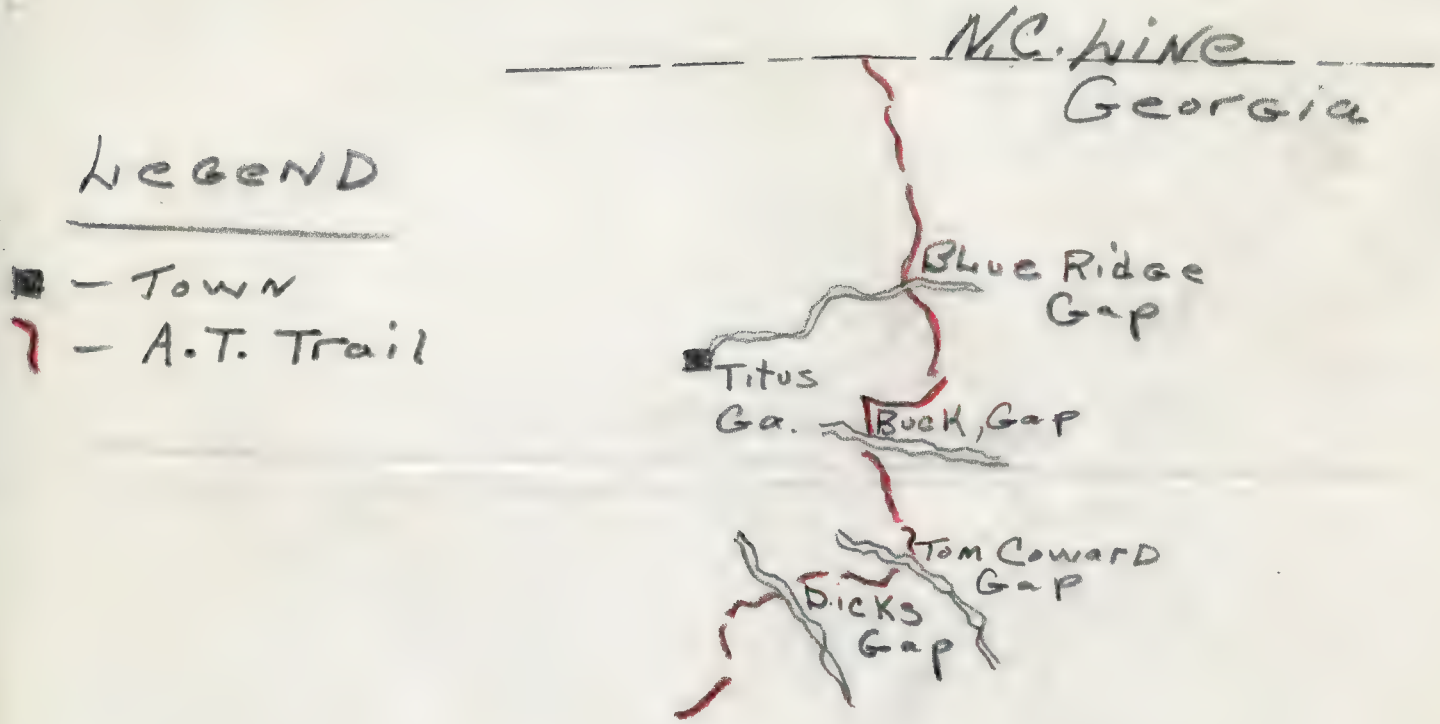

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– A.T. Trail

(Kephart) Mesa NCNC

April, 1921.

R.S.Stone Jr.,
Gainesville, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Stone:

I received a telegram to-day putting about one day my appointment in Charleston. I, accordingly, decided to use the extra day in the mountains. I wired you as follows:

"Please advise everybody trip accelerated Arrive Atlanta Wednesday morning".

I hope that this will not inconvenience any plans which have been made for me. At any rate I can lay over a day, if necessary. I am expecting to pick up at Charleston a letter from Mr. Young telling me where he will meet me at the A.E.

Sincerely yours,

E.H.Ivey
U.S.Shipping Board.

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George: We can let our meeting time stand as the 11th evening. I may be able to get farther along and at any rate there will be ways of getting word to you

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W.D.Stone Jr.,
Gainesville, Georgia.

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Sincerely yours,

H.H.Arvey
U.S.Shipping Board.

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Elliott

George: We can let our meeting time stand as the 11th evening. I may be able to get farther along and at any rate there will be ways of getting word to you

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FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA

June 3, 1931

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I did not know that you planned on my meeting Mr. Avery at White Oak Bottoms. I understood you expected to meet him at Rich Knob and bring him down the trail on the head of Shooting Creek. I am not sure that I will be in Franklin at that time and since the Ranger is on leave, it might be well for you to make other arrangements so that you would be certain to have some one at White Oak Bottoms when Mr. Avery arrives.

As to the occupancy of the lookout house on Standing Indian, we, of course, would be glad to have Mr. Avery use the station as you suggest, but the lookout observatory is locked and it would be necessary for some one of us to meet him at Deep Gap and go to the top with him. Carrying out this program would present the same difficulties as having one of us meet Mr. Avery at White Oak Bottoms. I am afraid it would not be practicable to arrange it at this late date. However, if Mr. Avery is out of touch at the present time and is depending on what you have written him, I shall do my best to carry out your promises.

Please let me know in this regard as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

John B. Byrne

John B. Byrne,
Forest Supervisor.

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June 4th, 1931.

Mr. George Massa,
Asheville Photo Co.,
Arcade Bldg., Asheville, N.C.

Dear George:

As I wrote you several days ago, I saw Mr. Elliott and we made arrangements to meet Mr. Avery, but we failed to contact him yesterday morning at the depot, and on getting in touch with Mr. Stone at Gainesville, we found that Mr. Young of the Forest Service at Rome Ga., had arranged to meet him quite early in the morning as soon as the train arrived, and took him on up to Mt. Oglethorpe.

As soon as we secured this information, Mr. Elliott and I set out for the mountain and met Mr. Avery a few miles this side of Mt. Oglethorpe. We prevailed on him to have lunch with us at Connahaynee Lodge, so I dropped Elliott who continued the hike on over to Connahaynee Lodge, where we had a most enjoyable visit. About one o'clock, we left Mr. Avery along the Appalachian Trail heading toward Amicalola where he was to spend the first night. I made several photographs and hope these turn out O.K.

While we were at luncheon, Mr. Elliott and I discussed with Mr. Avery the possibility of securing the 1933 Trail Conference for Connahaynee Lodge. What could be more fitting than to hold this conference at the end of the Trail? I believe that Mr. Avery will do all he can to help us, and Mr. Luke Tate and I are trying to figure ways and means of getting up to the Conference next week at Gatlinburg, Tenn, and try to sell this idea to the members of the Conference. What do you think of this? I am quite sure that you will do all you can to help us, and here's hoping we have the pleasure of seeing you in Gatlinburg next week.

Your Special Delivery enclosing a letter to Mr. Avery reached me too late to be delivered to him before his departure on the trail, however I turned this over last night to Elliott, and after I learned this morning that you had called my office Long Distance yesterday afternoon requesting that we have Mr. Avery communicate with you at once, I called Mr. Elliott who was at Covington Ga., this morning and he was to get in touch with Mr. Stone and wire you today. I hope everything works out O.K.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

C. Armand Thorpe

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"The Great Smoky Mountains City"

June 5, 1931

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Recently I saw a letter of yours to Miss Luttrell stating that Mr. Stephens and a few others were coming to the Conference via the Appalachian Trail-Waterville to Kephart.

I hope I am not presumptuous in so writing but that is by far the most difficult section of the whole Smoky Mountains portion of the Trail. It is exhausting and in case of heavy fogs is almost impossible to follow. Myron Avery and Paul Fink were held up a whole day by fog at Hughes Ridge last year when they were trying to make the same hike. If the members of your organization are still planning to come that way impress upon them the necessity of allowing ample time. I am in earnest about this because we want those men at the Conference.

Looking forward to seeing you within a few days, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harvey Broome

HBB:L

Harvey Broome

(Nantahala) Forest
NCNC

Left Bryson from Flats 6/20/31

TELLICO GAP (NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST) TO

TAPOCO BRIDGE ON LITTLE TENNESSEE RIVER

DISTANCE 49.5 MILES

SOUTH TO NORTH

From Flats, N. C., 3 miles below Tellico Gap, the route is passable for automobiles. West of Nantahala River the highway is a temporary substitute for a developed trail system through the Cheoah Mountains.

At Tellico Gap (elevation 4,000 ft.) turn left (.0 m.) into well-worn dirt road. (Across Tellico Gap Forest Service trail leads 1 mile to Wesser Bald, 4600 ft. elevation, northern terminus of Nantahala Mountains, affording magnificent view of Smoky Mountains. Trail leads, with telephone wire, 4 miles farther to Wesser on Highway No. 10.) At 2.7 m., with schoolhouse on left, take left fork. Cross Otter Creek and at Flats P. O. and store take right fork (3 m.). (From Flats P. O. Kyle is 2½ miles; Aquone 8½ miles.) Road crosses Otter Creek several times, descending somewhat. At 4.1 m. well-worn road goes off to left. At 4.4 m. at old mill, where Otter Creek empties into White Oak Creek, turn right into gravelled Forest Service road. Pass dirt road on left at 5.1 m., on right at 5.2 m. In right at 5.8 m. and faint roads on right at 7.1 m. and 7.3 m. Pass road On right at 7.7 m., on left at 8.6 m., on right at 8.7 m. Road winds steeply down, affording spectacular views of the famous Nantahala Gorge. Cross two bridges over Nantahala River at 12.8 m. and at 12.9 m. intersect Highway No. 10. (To left to Topton is 8 miles; to Murphy 26 miles. To right .3 m. is Nantahala Station on Southern Railroad.) Highway No. 10 is hard surfaced highway through Nantahala Gorge. At top of Red Marble Gap in Valley River Mountains at 16.4 m. turn right into Highway No. 106, crossing bridge over Southern Railroad.

Upland Notes NCMHC
With Byrne from Avery
6/20/1931

At 18.9 m. reach wooden lookout platform in Talula Gap (elevation 2,625 ft.). (Magnificent view east over Nantahala Gorge.) At 19 m. pass on right old road down to Nantahala River. Pass [illegible] logging road on right at 19.6 m. Pass road to Frank's Creek (route to Cheoah Bald) on right at 21.6 m. At 29 m. reach town of Robbinsville. (Accommodations obtainable at Swank Hotel.) Cross Cheoah River at 29.5 m. Road affords magnificent views of extensive Santeetlah Lake. At 40.1 m. pass on left Santeetlah Dam. At 42.2 m. pass on right Cochran Creek road (route to Wauhecha Bald). At 42.7 m. Highway No. 108 forks left (to right is road to Yellow Creek). At 49.1 m. reach Tapoco. Cross bridge over Cheoah River. (To left leads .1 m. to Tapoco Lodge. Excellent accommodations obtainable here. Post-Office, Tapoco, North Carolina.) At 49.4 m. pass on right Tapoco power house and foot bridge from dam and power house over Little Tennessee River. At 49.5 m. cross Little Tennessee River over Highway Bridge. (Beyond bridge, to right .5 m. Tapoco Dam, Lake extends 9 miles up river and Tapoco dam is at head of lake extending 6 miles upriver from Calderwood Dam. From Highway Dam road extends miles to Appalachian Trail and junction with Highway No. 288 in Deal's Gap. From Junction of Highways No. 108 and 288 to Bryson City is 50 miles.)

June 20, 1931.

Mr. John B. Byrne,
Supervisor Nantahala National Forest,
Franklin,
Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Byrne:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 15, 1931. I have just been looking at the Nantahala photos in the Forest Service collection and was told that new photographs are being taken and that the Nantahala map is also being revised. In this connection, it seems to me that it would be a distinct recreational contribution to indicate, by its name, on the new map the route of the Appalachian Trail.

You will receive in due course a report of the Trail Conference but you will be interested, I am sure, in what developed as to the connection between the Nantahala Mountains and the Great Smokies. If the logical geographic route had been followed, the Trail (as first suggested by Ozmer) would have left the Smokies at Silers Bald and have come down Forney Ridge to the Little Tennessee River and thence directly into the Nantahala Forest. The suggestion was made that, since the Smoky Club had insisted that the Trail go the entire length of the Smokies, it was up to them to route it back to Nantahala, where it would have been if the direct route had been followed. This suggestion, which was advanced by one of the members of the Smoky Club, "took". You will see from the enclosed data that we measured the route from Tellico Gap to Tapoco along the automobile road. This is only a temporary expedient. Beyond Santeetlah Lake, some old road can perhaps be found, leading into the heart of the Cheoah Mountains and then a trail which would lead over Cheoah Bald down into the Nantahala Gorge at the Railroad Station. From this point the route would follow that indicated in the enclosed trail data. I think it would help if you could have your lookout man on Cheoah Bald indicate the route of the trail to the lookout, which he uses, on the Nantahala map and also any other trails he knows of, in this region. With the acquisition of further land in this region and the development of trails by Forest Service- although perhaps very much in the future- I think that we can eventually work out a route which will take the Trail off of the paved road entirely. It is an interesting problem

(Kphart:) Nasa NCMC

and affords the Smoky Club an opportunity for extensive scouting. It means that the Nantahala River forms the boundary between the Smoky and Carolina Clubs in this region.

It seems to me that one of the best results of this Conference was the opportunity for all of the organizations in the south to meet and discuss problems such as this.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Messrs. Nasa, Stevens, Jennison, Roth, Campbell and Broome.

I am very much interested in this problem and I will appreciate being kept informed of any developments.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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June 25, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Company,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 22 is received on my return from the mountains this morning. I much appreciate the interest of the Carolina Appalachian Trail Club in the improvement of Mount Mitchell State Park, but I do not see how we can arrange about putting up the old metal monument on Mount Mitchell to which you refer. As I remember it, there were only one or two sections of it which were not so badly broken that they could be used. These sections I thought were still on the Park.

I do not think it would be proper or courteous to re-erect the monument without the full consent of the family of Dr. Elisha Mitchell, or certainly some members of that family. You understand that Mrs. Hope Chamberlain, a granddaughter of Dr. Mitchell, donated the tablet which the State has erected and placed over the grave of Dr. Mitchell. It would be impossible to get the consent of Mrs. Chamberlain or other members of the family in time to erect the monument on July 4 next. I shall therefore have to decline the request of the Carolina Appalachian Trail Club pending further investigation. I could not go up there myself before that date and I do not want the monument re-erected without carefully selecting the site.

I should appreciate your communicating this information to the officers of your Club.

Very sincerely yours,

J. S. Holmes

J. S. Holmes,
State Forester.

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(Kephart) Miss Irene

Bryson City, N.C.
June 25, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, N.C.

My dear Sir:

Thank you for the booklet and your letter. I have the article by Mr. Fink and also the one by Mr. Stevens in Tuesday night's paper. With your booklet, I may be able to get up the article.

In your letter you said there were several mistakes in my article, last Sunday. Won't you please tell me what they are that I may make corrections for future use?

I used the booklet, written by Mr. Kephart, giving the peaks and their heights and thought they were correct. I suppose you referred to the heighth of Clingman's Dome recored by the Geological survey.

It is several years since I have been on Andrews Bald. But I have been there five times and walked and crawled to the Dome before the timber was cut. I have seen thunder showers in the clouds below me.

Is there any idea of connecting Bryson City with the Appalachain trail? Mr. and Mrs. Stevens hiked in from Clingman's Dome and spent a night here last week, coming by Sassafras Knob and Noland's.

This article I want to write is to go out through the United Press so I do want to get the park, Mr. Kephart and Bryson City linked in it.

I certainly will appreciate anything that you tell me about the Great Smoky Mountains as the Citizen-Times and United Press want something new all the time.

I am enclosing a copy of some verse I wrote the day Mr. Kephart was buried. Perhaps you would like to keep it, if not destroy it.

Thanks so much for both the booklet and letter.

Cordially,

Irene D. Bryson

(Kphart:) Mass
UCMC

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DON TOPPING

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14 Church St.
Arcade Building,
ASHEVILLE, N.C. June 26, 1931.

Mr. J. S. Holmes,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Holmes:-

I have your letter of June 25th and I thank you.

I am very sorry that my wording "Reerect" caused you misunderstood this matter in last my letter.

Part of Mitchell Monument still laid down under huge rock in the State Park as you mentioned and no one can not find except who ever knows location.

I thought it may good idea bring out this part of Monument from hidden place and set up somewhere good place to reserve, then let public see it and at same time old monument picture with history in frame beside it, thats the my idea.

Indeed, if we put up the old monument as it was, or may as near to it, must have Mrs. Hope Chamberlain's consent as well as Professor Mitchell's relation's, but as I explained to you above just simply we like to reserve historic peice.

I should explain to you in my last letter, but somehow lost my mind or I was crazy with heat, please excise me to this matter.

I tried to obtain a good photograph of old monument nearly three weeks but still hunting it, yes I have seen photo post card which Mr. Robinson made many years ago.

Please let me know what you think about and oblige.

Sincerely yours,

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June 26, 1931.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I have your letter of June 24, 1931. I do not know how I slipped on addressing Mr. Byrne as Franklin, Tennessee. I am sending another copy of the letter to him at Franklin, North Carolina.

Our Trail data is written up in the same style as the data sent you. We have found this most satisfactory and I think it would be well if you would make your data the same way.

I am very much interested in seeing the photographs which you say will surprise me.

I hope sometime to spend the week you mentioned in Western North Carolina. Also another year I hope to make the trip through Pisgah.

Sincerely,

Myron.

PENNSYLVANIA
Gettysburg
Potomac River
TRAIL WORK BY
POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
Completed (143 13 Miles)
Uncompleted
Adjoining Sections
1- Snicker's Gap
2- Ashby Gap
3- Manassas Gap
4- Thornton Gap
5- Fisher's Gap
6- Swift Run Gap
7- Rockfish Gap
Harpers Ferry
BALTIMORE
Bluemont
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STAUNTON
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Charlottesville
Rockfish Gap
RIDGE
Natural Bridge
NATURAL BRIDGE NATIONAL FOREST
James River
RICHMOND
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Roanoke
BLUE
APPALACHIAN TRAIL
MAINE TO GEORGIA
Norfolk
NORTH CAROLINA
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(Kephart) Masa NCMC

Asheville, N. C.
June 27, 1931.

Mrs. Anne D. Bryson,
Bryson City, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Bryson:-

I thank you for your letter also the verse of HORACE KEPHART which you so kindly sent me, sure I will keep it till my end comes.

Please do not take the matter too serious which I mentioned that mistakes which appeared in your article June 21 Asheville Citizen:-

1) Clingmans Dome, the second highest peak east of Dakota, being a feet below Mount Mitchell - Well, in fact Clingmans Dome not the second highest peak, if you find fact there is one peak just north of Mt. Mitchell called Black Brothers just 21 feet lower than Mt. Mitchell and Clingmans Dome exactly 42 feet lower than Mt. Mitchell. Ofcause the heights, only 42 or 21 feet doesn't matter to discuss.

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6) "There is a lovely scenic drive to Franklin on a country road, with the Horseshoe Bend as --" This road is not country road Highway # 286.

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